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Rain today, with brisk northeast winds; Friday, generally fair.

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IS GOING AFTER ANOTHER "TRUST"

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Keystone Watch Case Company is Defendant in Government Suit.

VIOLATED THE SHERMAN LAW

Alleged That Company Sells More Than Eighty Per Cent. of All Watch Cases and Monopolizes the Trade.

Philadelphia, Dec. 20.—The Federal government late this afternoon filed in the United States Circuit Court a suit against the Keystone Watch Case Company, declaring it an unlawful combination in violation of the Sherman anti-trust act asking that it be restrained from carrying on an alleged monopoly in the manufacture and sale of watch cases. The government declares that the company now "manufactures and sells 80 per cent of all watch cases manufactured and sold in the United States." and that it is the "intent and purpose of the defendant that the company shall monopolize the remainder of the trade and commerce."

The Keystone Watch Case Company is a Pennsylvania corporation. The individual defendants named in the bill are Theophilus Zurbrugg, of Riverside, N. J., until recently president of the company; Caleb F. Fox, Philadelphia, acting president; Edward T. Stotesbury, Philadelphia, vice president; John J. Mueller, Philadelphia, secretary; Charles M. Fogg, Philadelphia, treasurer; F. H. Kain, Philadelphia, assistant treasurer, and Irving Smith, New York, a director.

The watch industry movement in the United States is divided into two parts, watch case and watch movement. Of all the watch cases, manufactured and sold, more than 90 per cent. are filled cases. After reciting the history of the organization of the alleged combination whereby various watch concerns were acquired, the government charges that in 1904, the Keystone company entered into a contract with the Elgin National Watch Company, whereby the Keystone company was put in exclusive charge of the entire export trade of the Elgin company, except the trade with Canada; and in 1909 the Keystone company made a contract with the Waltham Watch Company whereby the former was made sales agent of the latter in all the principal foreign countries with a trade in which cases are carried on except Great Britain, France and Spain.

"The Waltham and Elgin companies," the bill says, "are two of the principal manufacturers of watch movements in the United States and their sales to foreign countries constitute the principal part of the export trade in watch movements. Said contracts are especially valuable to the defendant company because they enabled it to enclose these movements in its own cases and thus promote its foreign watch trade."

By virtue of these consolidations and contracts, the government in its bill asserts that the Keystone company, directly, and indirectly engaged in the manufacture and sale throughout the United States and in foreign countries of practically every grade of watch cases and watch movements, and that it so controlled the trade and commerce in watch cases as to enable it to practically exclude all competition and monopolize the trade itself.

The bill further says: "The defendants endeavored to and did induce jobbers to cease handling any other lines of goods than those made by the Keystone company and its subsidiaries, refused to sell jobbers watch movements and as to the Howard movement, they fixed and maintained selling price for both jobbers and retailers and kept a black list of all dealers who sold said movement at less than the established price and refused to sell movements as well as any of their watch cases to jobbers who continued to sell to retailers whose names appeared on said list."

The government also charged that "defendants have also urged its competitors to sell their plants and businesses to the Keystone company, threatening them with destruction should they refuse to do so, and have declared their intention of acquiring the remainder of the trade and commerce in watch cases, and have asserted that they would spend a million dollars if necessary to drive some of the larger competitors out of business, and that defendants would hang crepe on the doors of such competitors' factories."

The bill charges the company with deception in putting on the market certain inferior grade watch cases, labeled to suit the purchasers, with long term guarantees in order to compel other manufacturers to compete with falsely labeled cases.

The government declares that the company has been enabled to realize "unreasonable profit" on its capital stock.

The bill prays that the acquisition of various companies and contracts entered into be adjudged unlawful; that the combination be disintegrated; that it be restrained from continuing its monopolistic methods and that jobbers be unrestrained in their desire to handle all kinds of goods.

Get your Doll Shoes and Socks at Hewlett & Price's. **

STEAMSHIP LINES OVERRULED

Government Contends "Atlantic Conference" is by Reason of Alleged Pooling Agreement on Passenger Rates

New York, Dec. 20.—The full bench of the United States Circuit Court today overruled the demurrers interposed by the Hamburg-American Steamship Company, and other trans-Atlantic lines which form the "Atlantic conference" against the government's suit for their dissolution. The government's contention is that the "conference' is by reason of an alleged pooling agreement on passenger rates, a trust in restraint of trade, and an injunction is asked to restrain the companies from further execution of the agreement. The demurrers alleged want of equity in the governments petition and followed closely the petition in the tobacco and Standard Oil cases sustained by the United States Supreme Court "in the light of reason," and under the "rule of reason."

Judge Noyes, who read the opinion, said the transportation of passengers between the United States and Europe forms part of the commerce of the United States with foreign nations and that Congress had the power to prohibit all contracts, combinations and conspiracies in restraint of the foreign commerce of the country. He declared that the agreement between the companies affects foreign commerce because its operation must divert a part thereof from the natural channels of free competition into fixed channels assigned to the parties to the agreement. "The different lines," the judge added, "obtain not that which would come to them from their separate efforts but prescribed the certain percentages of the traffic."

Judge Noyes said the contention that the combination was formed in a foreign country was immaterial, as it affected the foreign commerce of this country and was to be put into operation here.

"Citizens of foreign countries," he added, "are not free to restrain or monopolize the foreign commerce of this country by entering into combinations abroad nor by employing foreign vessels to effect their purpose."

The court held further that the averment of the government made out a combination and conspiracy in violation of the anti-trust law. "Whether or not the statute is directed against all combinations in restraint of competition," the opinion concluded, "it is certain that it embraces those in which the purpose and effect are to charge arbitrary and excessive transportation rates. Whether the statute be broadly or narrowly construed, it is clear that it prohibits combinations and conspiracies to restrain the business of transporting passengers when accompanied with acts of oppression and attempts to monopolize."

Announcement was then made that the demurrer was overruled and the defendants were cited to answer the government's complaint.

Former Senator John C. Spooner, in support of the demurrers, contended that if the court upheld the government's petition and the ports of the United States were closed to the defendant's vessels until the companies ceased to operate under the "Atlantic conference" agreement, such action would lead to serious international complications between the United States and the whole of Europe.

BACK TO WASHINGTON

President Leaves New York--Speaks Before Republican Club

New York, Dec. 20.—President Taft left New York at midnight to return to the White House after thirty busy hours in New York, declaring in the last of several addresses which he made that one of the chief faults of this age is that people are living in too fast.

The President's last speech was before the New York Republican Club at a dinner given in his honor. He listened attentively to a stirring address by Senator Borah. With language which the President later discribed as having great force, imagery and poetry, Senator Borah flayed "lawless big business." The President in his speech agreed with Senator Borah that the country had defects and that it was the business of the people to overcome them.

"The chief of its defects," he said, "is the loss somewhat of that respect for law, which we inherited from across the sea. We have struggled with conditions and in prosperity have met harder tests than the puritan men. It is true we do not hold the law as sacred as we should; I don't think we hold anything quite as sacred as we should."

The President pointed to the tendency of the age toward faster living and pleasure, and from this turned to the necessity of improvement of criminal procedure. "Whatever the machinery is, it does not have the backing of public opinion," he said. "So long as we have head lines that makes heroes of murderers we are not going to have the improvement we need." The President expressed his profound belief in party and said nothing "has come in the way of real improvement in the history of our country that cannot be traced to party organization. Effective reforms can be made, but in two ways: Either inside the party or by the breaking up of the old party and the founding of a new one. I still have hope for the redemption of the Republican party."

If you purchase at Platt & Haar's while it rains, don't forget your rain checks. They are valuable. **

ACCUSED MINISTER IS SERIOUSLY CUT

The Rev. Clarence Richeson Found Bleeding in His Prison Cell.

SOME TALK OF HIS SANITY

No Reason is Given for the Minister's Action---Was It With Suicidal Intent or Act of Insanity?

Boston, Mass., Dec. 20.—Cries and groans breaking the stillness of the early morning hours at the Charles Street jail today, led to the discovery that the Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson, awaiting trial on the charge of having murdered Miss Avis Linnell, had mutilated himself severely with a piece of tin. So serious was the wound that it was found necessary to perform an operation immediately. Later in the day the surgeons said the operation was entirely successful and that unless blood poisoning developed the prisoner probably would recover within two weeks.

County authorities, jail officials and counsel for Richeson all refused to comment upon the possible mental processes which led the accused man to the determination to injure himself or what influence his act might have upon legal proceedings in his case. District Attorney Pelliter, who will have charge of Richeson's trial set for January 15th, made a brief statement in which he asserted that the trial would begin on the date assigned. The District Attorney declared that Richeson would be strong enough to appear in court on January and this statement was corroborated by Dr. Howard A. Lothrop, one of the surgeons who attended the prisoner.

Although Richeson's counsel would give no intimation whether the defense would seek a postponement or take any other action because of Richeson's act, they did say definitely that the accused clergyman had wounded himself in an attempt to emasculation.

It was about 4 A. M., when a jail attendant heard Richeson crying: "Doctor! Oh, Doctor! Come Doctor quick!" He summoned two other attendants and they found the prisoner lying on the floor bleeding and suffering intense pain. "I've cut myself—I'm bleeding to death," Richeson told them. The prison doctor who was brought to the cell declared that an immediate operation was necessary and three surgeons were sent for. The operation occupied considerable time, and at its conclusion it was announced that it had been successful and that the prisoner was expected to make a speedy recovery.

It was through a short-time prisoner who was released today that news of Richeson's act first became known to the public. The jail officials had made no announcement in the matter until they were questioned about the reports brought out by this man.

When Richeson came out from under the influence of an anesthetic he had nothing to say. By order of the surgeons he was not questioned by any one and will be kept quiet until he gains strength.

The crime charged against Richeson, who formerly was pastor of the Immanuel Baptist church, of Cambridge, is the murder of Avis Linnell, on the night of October 14th. Miss Linnell, who was 19 years old, was a native of Hyannis, where Richeson formerly preached, and was studying at the New England conservatory of music in this city. Miss Linnell was found dying in a bath room in the Young Woman's Christian Association building on Warrenton street, Boston, where she lodged. At first it was believed that the young woman had taken poison with suicidal intent but a day or two later it became known that she had taken cyanide of potassium in the belief that it would remedy her condition.

In their investigation into the death of Miss Linnell, the police found evidence, they claimed, which tended to implicate Richeson, and he was arrested on October 20th, at the home of Miss Violet Edmands, to whom he was to have been married on October 31st. His indictment followed.

HOLD ACTION VALID

Court Recommends Discharge of Penitentiary Surgeon

Richmond, Va., Dec. 20.—One phase of the series of State penitentiary suits was settled today when the Circuit Court of Richmond held that the action of the directors in discharging Dr. Charles V. Carrington, the surgeon, for the second time, was valid. However, the court also held that Dr. Carrington was due his salary between the first and second removals, covering a little more than a month. Both proceedings will be appealed.

The board's investigation of the election of Dr. Herrmann, a nehhew of Governor Mann, to succeed Dr. Carrington, has been set for December 27.

Paris, Dec. 20.—"Kid" McCoy, the American puglist, tonight knocked out Harry Croxon, an English fighter, in the third round.

Men's Gun Metal and Patent Dancing Pumps at Hewlett & Price's. **

RECOUNTED TRAGICAL STORY

Court to Decide Whether McCue Children Are Entitled to Insurance Carried By Father Who Was Executed

Washington, Dec. 20.—The story of the Virginia tragedy of 1904, which snuffed out the life of Mrs. James S. McCue and which resulted in her husband, the Mayor of Charlottesville, Va., being executed on the gallows for the murder, was related in detail today to the Supreme Court of the United States. That tribunal was called upon to decide whether the four McCue children were entitled to the $15,000 insurance policy carried by McCue at the time of his execution.

The fact that three justices of the court hold policies in the insurance company, the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company of Wisconsin, came near preventing the court from passing on the suit. When the case was called Chief Justice White stated that three members of the court were policyholders in the company. He called attention to the fact that their failure to sit in the case would reduce the court to four, less than a quorum required to do business.

At this stage, Justice McKenna, who has been on the bench longer than any other member, reminded the Chief Justice that the point had come up in court once before and the justices holding policies participated on the theory that their interests were too remote to disqualify them. The case then proceeded.

William H. White, of Richmond, Va., for the company, told of the tragedy in an impressive manner.

The argument will be continued tomorrow.

MORSE'S PARDON IMPROBABLE.

President Will Not Intervene Unless His Condition Grows Worse

Washington, Dec. 20.—Unless the condition of Charles W. Morse, the convicted New York banker, becomes desperate, President Taft, it is declared in official circles here, will not intervene in the case at this time with a commutation of sentence or pardon. Reports received by the Department of Justice from army surgeons at Fort McPherson, Ga., where Morse is a prisoner-patient, are said to indicate some slight improvement in his condition.

If Morse's illness progressed to the danger point, it is explained the President probably would act. Mr. Taft, those close to him add, desires to treat the question with all the sympathy possible with a right conception of justice.

Replying to criticism of the President because he does not parole Morse, officials today pointed out that the banker will not be eligible for parole until 1915 when he will have served one-third of his fifteen-year sentence. Release at this time must be communtation of sentence or pardon.

THAW'S ESTATE.

Trustee Files Final Account—Steps Nearer End of Famous Case.

Pittsburg, Dec. 20.—Roger O'Mara, trustee in bankruptcy for Harry Kendall Thaw, now confined in Mattewan hospital, brought the famous case one step nearer the end today when he filed his final account in the office of referee in bankruptcy, W. R. Blair. A meeting of the creditors will be held December 27th, and the account may be approved at that time, thus ending the long drawn litigation. That has already been discharged from liability in the proceedings, the order having been December 29, 1910. The accounts filed by O'Mara shows a balance of $59,963 for distribution. This amount was derived from the sale of real estate, and securities, including one-fifth interest in a lot in the Allegheny cmetery in Pittsburg, which was purchased by Alice Copeley Thaw for $50. Disbursements show a dividend of 5 per cent. amounts to $13,087 already paid.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 20.—J. Henry Miller, of Baltimore, builder of the Richmond postoffice now under construction, was acquitted today of the charge that he is doing business in this city without a license. Judge Witt, in the Hustings court, held that Miller is an agent of the United States government.

OUTLINES.

The United States Supreme Court has been called upon to decide whether the children of Samuel S. McCue, who was hanged in 1904 for the murder of his wife, are entitled to insurance carried by him——It has been formally announced that the attorneys for the meat packers will instruct the jury in the case to return a verdict of not guilty on the grounds that the District Attorney failed to make out a case in his opening statement——The Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson, the Boston preacher charged with the death of a young lady, was found bleeding in his prison cell. He had cut himself seriously with a piece of tin. No reason has yet been given for the action——The Federal government has filed a suit against the Keystone Watch Case Co., of Philadelphia, in which it is charged that the company is violating the Sherman anti-trust law——The President, in a message to Congress yesterday, recommends that the tariff on wool be reduced.

New cork markets: Money on call steady, 3 3-4 to 4 per cent.; ruling rate 3 3-4; closing bid 3 3-4; offered at 3 7-8; flour firm, with fair trade; wheat spot, irregular No. 2, red 97 elevator export basis, and 3-4 fob afloat; corn spot, easy, export new 70 fob afloat; rosin steady; turpentine quiet; spot cotton closed quiet.

CHINESE GENERAL FAVORS REPUBLIC

The Imperialists and Revolutionaries Hold Peace Conference.

WILL TAKE DELIBERATE STEPS

Fear Hasty Peace May Lead to More Serious Consequences—Imperialists Ordered to Suspend Hostilities.

Shanghai, Dec. 20.—"I am convinced that the abdication of the Emperor and the establishment of a Republic is the only thing that will satisfy the people and prevent further wholesale shedding of blood." This statement was made tonight by Lang Shao-Yi, representative of Premier Yuan Shi Kai, after the session of the peace conference. Continuing, he said:

"Peking is not aware of the depth or extent of popular feeling in the south. Even I, although somewhat prepared, am astonished to find such a change from an attitude of patient forbearance to the dogged partiot's determination. It now appears certainly too late to save the dynasty.

"It will be difficult to persuade Yuan Shi Kai to abandon his plan for a limited monarchy, but we must use every endeavor to secure peace and end this awful bloodshed and the suffering among my people."

Tang Shao Yi expressed the belief that the situation might have been saved at one time by a conference with the revolutionary leaders and prompt assurance of adjustment of wrongs, but he considers it now too late. He is also convinced that there must be no foreign interference in the way of loans or otherwise.

Six foreign powers, the United States, Great Britain, Japan, Germany, France and Russia united today in presenting an identical note to Tang Shao-Yi and Wu Ting Fang, foreign minister in the revolutionary provisional cabinet.

It is understood that the note expressed the good will of the government's representative and the hope that the peace conference would result in bringing the revolution to a close.

In reply Yang Shao Yi said he hoped the conference would be successful in restoring peace. Wu Ting Fang, in response, said he was a lover of peace and therefore would do his utmost to attain a settlement. "But it must be remembered," he added, "that the Chinese are fighting for freedom and good government and that hasty peace might lead to serious consequences—perhaps to another worse revolution."

The conference between the delegates of the Imperial government and revolutionaries was resumed in the afternoon. Practically the whole session was devoted to Wu Ting Fang's speech in favor of a Republic. Tang Shao Yi, whose powers are clearly limited, expressed his readiness to accept Wu Ting Fang's views, but declared that the matter was so important that he must first communicate with Peking. He suggested that a settlement be left to the National Assembly, but made no counter proposals.

Thus neither side presented a well defined scheme and the conference was again indefinitely adjourned.

Meanwhile, it is announced the armistice is extended until December 30th. The telegram from Premier Yuan stated that he had issued an order to the generals commanding the Imperial forces to suspend hostilities.

FRANCO-GERMAN ACCORD

Ratified By Chamber of Deputies on Question of Morocco

Paris, Dec. 20.—The Chamber of Deputies this evening ratified the Franco-German accord on the question of Morocco. The ratification was adopted by 393 against 36 votes.

M. Jaures, Socialist leader in the Chamber, after a lengtny speech, announced that he would vote for the treaty because it would put France in a position to intervene and bring Great Britain and Germany closer together, although he did not believe that an economic conflict between England and Germany would lead to war.

Most of the deputies from the Lorraine departments abstained from voting. They declared they could not give their consent to a treaty detaching a portion of the National territory to give to Germany.

The Franco-German accord on the subject of Morocco was signed on November 15th, last, by which France cedes to Germany a strip of territory in the French Congo, while Germany cedes to France some territory on the frontier of Togoland and Dahomey. France's right to establish a protectorate in Morocco is recognized on condition that she agrees to safeguard economic equality and commercial liberty for all nations in that country.

The original dispute arose through France, according to Germany's point of view, overstepping the provisions of the Algeciras agreement.

Lemons that have become hard from long standing can be made usable by covering them with boiling water for a few minutes.

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ASK VERDICT OF NOT GUILTY

Meat Packers' Attorney Will Instruct Jury on Grounds That District Attorney Failed to Make Out Case.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Formal notice that the defense will present a motion in the near future to have Judge Carpenter instruct the jury to return a verdict finding the ten Chicago meat packers charged with criminal violation of the Sherman anti-trust law not guilty, for the reason that United States District Attorney James H. Wilkerson failed to make out a case in his opening statement to the jury, was given today by Attorney Levy Mayer, at the opening of the afternoon session of the trial.

At the same time Attorney Mayer moved to dismiss counts two and three of the indictment because they do not mention the National Packing Company, which the government contends was the instrument used in fixing the prices of meat and to have the jury instructed to disregard certain other allegations made by District Attorney Wilkerson as not coming within the three year period covered in the indictment. The action of the defense came as a surprise to the government and caused Judge Carpenter to adjourn court until tomorrow when he will rule on the motions.

District Attorney Wilkerson vigorously opposed the motions made by the defendants' counsel and explained it was necessary for the prosecution to plead to all the evidence in the case.

CONTEMPT OF COURT

Prosecutor Showed Too Much Privilege and the Judge Acted

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 20.—Asserting that Robert J. Foster, a detective engaged by the National Erectors' Association in the dynamiting investigation, was interferring with him, County Prosecutor Frank P. Baker this afternoon forcibly took Foster before Judge Joseph Markey, of the criminal court, and asked for protection.

Judge Markey, who was conducting a murder trial, reprimanded the prosecutor for interrupting, but Mr. Baker persisted, and snatching a club from a policeman, threatened Foster. Court officers drew Baker away and Judge Markey ordered him to appear in court tomorrow to show cause why he should not be held in contempt. The judge took no cognizance of the charge against Foster.

Immediately after the incident Mr. Baker was subpoenaed to appear tomorrow before the Federal grand jury to testify in the government's inquiry in the dynamiting case.

The encounter between Baker and Foster was the result of friction between the prosecutor and Foster's superior, Walter Drew, counsel for the Erectors' Association. Drew had said Baker had been negligent in pressing the investigation locally and Baker resisted successfully in the county court the effort of Drew and the county prosecutor of Los Angeles, Cal., to remove the Los Angeles books and papers of the Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, now in the hands of the Federal authorities.

Saying he wished to know if Drew had any new information about the dynamiting case, the prosecutor summoned him to appear before the county grand jury.

Drew and Foster went to the court house together. In a corridor Baker came upon Foster, accused him of "shadowing him" and pulled him into the criminal court room.

"This man is interferring with me and I want protection," said the prosecutor, angrily.

"There is a trial in progress here," returned Judge Markey, "You are not bringing this man before me regularly. This is contempt of court."

"I will show who is in contempt," shouted the prosecutor and jerked the club from the policeman.

After the judge ordered Baker to appear and show why he should not be held for contempt, Foster left the building and Baker went to the county grand jury room to examine Drew.

The Federal jury today had before it Superintendent of Police Martin Hyland, Chief Detective William Holtz and policemen who raided the offices of the Iron Workers' Association on April 22nd, last, when the secretary-treasurer, John J. McNamara, was arrested. The detectives were questioned as to their investigation of explosions in buildings erected by an employer of non-union iron workers in this city in 1909.

EXODUS OF GIRLS.

Nearly One Thousand Leaving Two Colleges at Greensboro, N. C.

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 20.—The almost 1,000 young ladies in school at the State Normal and the Greensboro Female College are anxiously awaiting tomorrow's close, which will mark the beginning of the Christmas vacation period and the exodus of "school girls" for their homes to spend the gladsome season. Both the G. F. C. and the State Normal close otmorrow, and Southern railway officials have made ample preparation to take care of these many young ladies who will be homeward bound. The streets and the passenger station will be thronged with college girls tomorrow and Friday, while added to the long list from Greensboro will be hundreds of other college boys and girls passing through the city from other institutions, en route to their homes. The Christmas vacation season is always an animated one at the Greensboro station, and the railway every year practically places itself at the disposal of the young ladies and young gentlemen from the North Carolina institutions of learning.

TREATY MEASURE IS DISPOSED OF

Has Been Sent to the President for His Signature.

YESTERDAY AT THE CAPITOL

President Recommends That Tariff on Wool be Reduced—Tariff Board Reports—Other Doings in Congress.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Congresss today ratified the President's notification of the termination of the Russian treaty of 1832, and sent the measure to the President for his signature. The House disposed of it according to programme within 75 minutes. Speaker Clark signed it at 2:56 P. M., Vice President Sherman signed it at 3:51 after the Senate had remained in session purposely to permit him, under the rules, to affix his signature, while it was in session. Tomorrow Congress will recess for the holidays, which was an important factor in the expedition of the ratification.

It was a purely perfunctory proceeding in the House for Democrats and Republicans voted together, Macon, of Arkansas, Democrat, alone voting in the negative. He explained to the House later that he voted against the resolution in a spirit of levity. During the debate Republicans joined with their political opponents in tributes to Representative Sulzer, of New York, the Democratic author of the House bill for accepting the Senate measure amending his own.

Mr. Sulzer urged the House to accept the Senate's resolution so that President Taft's hands might be upheld by the legislative end of the government in dealing with Russia and the notice of the treaty termination made effective before January 1st.

"Mr. Sulzer has shown that he is acting through the promptings of patriotism, not politics," said Republican Leader Mann.

The Russian notice of reply from Ambassador Curtis Guild that America wishes to terminate the treaty of 1832 has been received at the State Department. The officials decline to publish the text of the note, but admit its contents have been well outlined in the news dispatches from St. Petersburg. Hence it is inferred that the Russian foreign office made no response to Secretary Knox's invitation to embark upon negotiations for a new treaty.

It may be stated upon good authority that the Russian government does not intend to be hurried in this matter, but on the other hand it does expect to conclude a new convention before the existing treaty expires December 31st, 1912. Unquestionably the modification of the two terms of the original resolution of abrogation has been a strong factor in influencing the Russian government to consider favorably the framing of a new treaty which possibly it could not have entertained under the sense of irritation that would have been caused by the adoption of the original joint resolution in all its severity of expression.

Notwithstanding some expressions to the contrary by individual senators the weight of official opinion is decidedly in favor of the contention that with the withdrawal of the "favored nation" treatment guaranteed to American imports into Russia by the treaty about to be terminated, the full maximum tariff rates will automatically become effective against American goods. Bearing on this proposition is the following extract from the Russian customs tariff of 1906:

"All products of the countries which enjoy in Russia 'most favored nation' rights are subject to the terms of the conventional tariff in its entirety and to the terms of the general tariff insofar as this letter is not modified by the conventional tariff."

The implication is declared to be irresistible that only the countries in this section—that is; those having "most favored" rights, can enjoy the lower rates of the conventional tariff. At present Russia extends those rates to United States products and it has been suggested that Russia will continue to do so on the ground that the President's proclamation, issued under the terms of the Payne-Aldrich Act, allowing minimum tariff rates on Russian goods, is equivalent to "most favored nation" treatment.

It is declared that no breach of diplomatic relations is impending as preparations are being hastened for the early occupation of the palatial residence in this city of former Vice President Fairbanks by the Russian ambassador, who expects to take a prominent part in the social life of the National capital.

President's Message on Tariff

Washington, Dec. 20.—President Taft, in a message sent to Congress today, based upon the report of the tariff board on schedule K of the Payne tariff act, recommends that the tariff on wool and woolens be materially reduced.

The long-awaited report of the tariff board shows that the existing duties on many classes of woo. and wool manufactures are prohibitory and greatly in excess of the difference in the cost of production here and abroad. The duties are so arranged as to keep out of the United States entirely wools of the finer qualities which if imported might be used to displace the substitutes now employ-

ed. Mr. Taft calls attention to these conditions and urges immediate revision.

Neither the President nor the board proposes definite rates of duty. Mr Taft recommends that the proposed revision adhere to a policy of protection based upon the differences in cost of production at home and abroad. He holds that the function of the board merely is to present findings of fact on which rates of duty may be fairly determined in the light of adequate knowledge and he characterizes the report as the most complete and exhaustive statement of the tariff question presented to a legislative body.

An attempt to have the report referred to the Ways and Means Committee without printing met with a demand from the Republicans that the entire report be printed at once. Finally both messages and report were left on the Speaker's table until tomorrow.

The report points the way to two great changes in the present system of levying duties upon raw wool and finished cloth. It would assess duty on scrubbed wool — not wool and grease combined; and suggests a graduated scale of ad valorem rate on cloth.

The report is divided into sections, viz: Raw wool, yarn and cloth. They are taken up in the order in which they come in production and manufacture.

On raw wool, the board finds the present system of levying duty bad, and the duties higher than the difference in cost of production in the United States as compared with the cost abroad. The method of levying duty is condemned because it charges for grease as well as for shrinking woolens.

On tops, from which yarn is made, the present rate of duty is found to be prohibitory. It costs 80 per cent. more in the United States to convert tops into yarn than it does anywhere else. On yarn, from which cloth is woven, the present rate of duty is found to be prohibitory because it keeps out all except the finer grades. On cloth, the present rate of duty is pronounced prohibitory on heavy weight, cheap and medium grade cloths, principally because of the specific compensatory duty which fixes a certain charge per pound before the ad valorem rate begins. It costs 100 per cent. more to make cloth from yarn in the United States than it does in England or France. The present system of fixing the same ad valorem rates of duty on different grades of fabric is condemned as unfair.

The board holds that a fair solution would be the adoption of a graduated scale under which the ad valorem rate properly assesses on goods of low value should then increase progressively according to slight increments of value, up to whatever maximum rate should be fixed.

The board's figures would seem to show that the "prohibitory duties" do not affect the American consumer so much as would be inferred by the use of those words; for while the duties on sixteen samples of foreign cloth selected by the board averages 184 per cent., the actual excess of the domestic price over the foreign price was found to be 67 per cent. as the result of domestic competition

"At the present time the industry in general is on a competitive basis," says the report.

The cost of a suit of clothes from the back of a sheep to the back of a man is computed in the report, and the profits which accrue in the process are traded to their sources. For purposes of computation the board takes a suit of clothes retailing at $22 and wholesaling at $16.50. This is said to represent fairly the suit of clothes worn by the average American.

The farmer receives for the wool in such a suit, $2.23 and his profit is 68 cents; the manufacturer of cloth receives for his product $4.78 and his profit is 23 cents; the wholesale clothing dealer receives for his product $16.50 and his profit is $2.18; the retail clothing dealer receives $22 and his profit is $7.50. The figures are aggregate.

Extracts from the report follows:

"The result of the raw wool investigation establishes the fact that it costs more to grow wool in the United States that in any other country; that the merino wools required in such great volume by our mills are the most expensive of all wools produced; that the highest average cost of production of such wool in the world is in the State of Ohio and contiguous territory; and that the lowest average cost on similar wool is in Australia.

"It is not possible to state in exact terms the actual cost of producing a pound of wool considered by itself, for the simple reason that wool is but one of two products of the same operation.

"That in the western part of the United States, where about two-thirds of the sheep of the country are to be found, the fine and medium wools carry an average charge of at least 11 cents per pound, interest not included.

"That if account is taken of the entire wool production of the country, including both fine and coarse wools, the average charge against the clip is about 9 1-2 cents per pound.

"That in South America the corresponding charge is between 4 and 5 cents per pound.

"That taking Australia as a whole it appears that a charge of a very few cents per pound lies against the great clips of that region in the aggregate. While the board can not therefore undertake to name an exact figure in that case, it is certain that the Australiasian cost at large fall materially below the South American.

"The board finds that the present method of levying the duties upon raw wool is defective in that it operates by reason of the varying shrinkages of the different kinds of wool, to prevent the importation of many heavy conditioned sorts which, if imported, would add substantially to the stock of sound staple available for the manufacture of woolen fabrics.

"That there is no valid reason for the discrimination that now exists as between the wools and Class (merino and crossbred) and Class II (English, medium and luster), and that these two classes could properly be consolidated.

"That the present duty of 33 cents per pound on scoured wool is prohibitive, preventing effectually the importation of clean, low-priced foreign wools of the lower grades that would be exceedingly useful in the manufacture of woolens in this country, and if

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..Theatrical..

The Grand Theatre will offer as a special feature for the large number of Y. M. C. A. enthusiasts in the city today, a great film depicting the training of Y. M. C. A. workers in the Summer school at Silver Bay, on Lake George, N. Y. The demand for trained leaders has been so great that the training schools in Chicago and Springfield have been unable to meet the demand. Summer schools have been established to care for the work and this picture at The Grand today depicts a typical day at the institution in New York where, during the month of August, 596 men completed the course. The scenes include the men going to breakfast, in the gymnasium and the instruction in first aid to the injured. It will be found intensely interesting and pleasing to all. Then The Grand Theatre will also offer two other pictures, one of them "Norma From Norway," a beautiful Norwegian story of compelling interest. This is a Kalem film and is beautifully finished. Mr. Morgan will have for his song today, one that has just been produced, "The Baboon Baby Dance," successor to "Alexander." Everybody should hear it. The house is cozy and comfortable.

Holidays at The Bijou

And the good things continue. The holiday offerings at the Bijou are indeed glorious. They interest the mind, brighten the heart and delight the vision. Everything is gala at the Bijou for the yuletide, and this includes one of the biggest holiday bills—a new one every day—ever presented in Wilmington. The Bijou, too, furnishes a swell setting for its fine shows, as it is always warm and cozy. The "solid comfort" phase of Bijou life is one of the strongest and most alluring features, especially when the weather is raw or chill. Today's bill is going to be one powerful for thrills. Two of the greatest, most intense dramatic photo-plays ever manufactured is on the big film list for today, but as exciting as is each film it teaches a big lesson and it is wholesome all the way through. There will, of course, be some of the merriest of photo-plays included in today's string, while Mr. Frank Banks will present a big New York ballad triumph. "The Night Rider" is one of the most realistic films, one with plenty of thrills, ever created, and at the same time it draws a fine moral from noble sacrifice and sturdy manhood. "The Cowboy Coward" is another fine example of the high art in dramatic film manufacture, and it will furnish many stirring scenes and beautiful scenery. One of the principal characters is a Chinaman, and he plays a novel part in the drama.

Karl Jansen Tonight

The sale of reserved seats for the entertainment to be given by Mr. Karl Jansen at the Boys' Brigade armory tonight indicates a large attendance, as practically every seat will be reserved for this third number of the Lyceum Course. Mr. Jansen will arrive in the city today and will be a guest at The Orton. That a really high-class entertainment will be presented is indicated by the character and variety of the programme, which be as follows:

Part I—Description of Sweden and Norway. "Thelma's Home, the Land of the Midnight Sun."

Part II—Quick-change comedy impersonation of German, Irish, Swedish and Norwegian characters, with dialect speeches and songs.

Part III—Scenes from William Shakespeare's plays: "King Richard III," "Hamlet," "Macbeth," "Julius Caesar," and "The Merchant of Venice."

Part IV—Tennyson's "Enoch Arden." Scenes: On the Island and at Annie's Window.

Part V—Recitations from James Whitcomb Riley and Eugene Field.

Part VI—Demonstration of Fail, Rapier and Saber fencing and the Swedish system of Physical culture.

Part VII—"Home Sweet Home," sung in Swedish.

The entertainment will begin at 8:30 o'clock. Single admission, including reserved seat, 75 cents for adults and 50 cents for children under 15 years. Reserved seats may be secured today at the store of W. R. Dosher & Co.

"Uncle Dick's" Turkey.

"Uncle Dick" Reaves, the venerable broom-weilder of the city street department, as Christmas draws on apace, is wondering who is going to give him a Christmas turkey this year. Mr. Reaves is nearly 80 years old, but is always at his post and his kindly smile and ready word has won him many friends among those who meet him daily. For the past several years some of these friends have remembered him with a nice fat gird at the Yuletide season and he is hopeful that this year the favor will be repeated.

Attempted House-Breaking.

Noah Jones, a middle-aged white man, who has been employed in the street department for several years, was arrested Tuesday night on a warrant charging him with house-breaking by Hall Officer J. H. Davis and Special Officer Colon Potter. Mr. Jones' case was continued in the Recorder's court yesterday morning, bond being fixed at $500. Tom Jordan, a negro, alleges that Mr. Jones tried to enter his home.

New York, Dec. 20.—Christmas is to be celebrated in Wall Street with a triple holiday. The directors of the stock exchange voted today to close the exchange on Saturday so that business will cease from Friday afternoon until Tuesday morning.

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THREE ALARMS YESTERDAY

Fire Department Had Busy Day—Little Damage Resulted

The fire department responded to three alarms yesterday, though, by reason of prompt work, none of the blazes did any great damage. The first came in at 2:45, when it was cold as—well, it was cold. The blaze was in the second story of the building on the northeast corner of Second and Princess streets, and was soon conquered. It started from hot ashes burning in a box and the damage amounted to practically nothing.

A telephone message called the ladies out at 12:16 P. M., to the residence of Mr. H. L. Montgomery, No. 207 North Seventh stree. The blaze had resulted from rags burning in a gas stove and no damage was done.

Another telephone alarm at 12:51 P. M. called the department to the residence of Mr. Albert Steljes, No. 920 Market street. The blaze here resulted from a defective flue and the damage amounted to about $50.

Great Y. M. C. A. Film.

How workers are trained for this work all over the world. Great educational and inspirational film at The Grand Theatre today. **

Fire Works, Fire Works. A carload, they must be sold, our prices are right. Farris Bakery, 121 So. Front. Also call Annex, 131 Market. de 18-6t

"THEY SAY"

Careless Talk That Came Near Resulting in A Tragedy

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Maxton, N. C., Dec. 20.—A human interest story with a strong lesson attached developed here last Saturday morning in Barnes Bros'. drug store that came near resulting in a tragedy.

A group of traveling men and of men about town had dropped in for a drink, and for a moment to get out of the inclement weather when one of the traveling men, of the rarer kind, began spurting out innuedoes about young ladies in other towns and incidentally mentioning the names of several. A young man was present whose relative's name was mentioned and the affair was bitterly resented. Going immediately to his place of business he armed himself and re-entering the drug store he called the careless talker behind the prescription counter and demanded a full and an instant retraction of all that had been said. With death staring him in the face the retraction was forthcoming immediately and a tragedy averted. The only reason advanced in excuse for the statements being "they say."

All too frequently is it the case that there is no one present to resent such statements when made and the story grows and shame is attached to an innocent name.

"CHRISTMAS comes but once a year," says the old song. It's too bad it doesn't come more frequently for our pleasure and the pleasure we give; for the joy and good will which the season brings and cultivates; but maybe once a year is enough for our pocketbooks.

You'll find this store particularly a place where suitable Christmas gifts for men may be had; we're giving you a small list of them here, just as a hint of what you'll find here; there are a lot more not in this list that are waiting for you here.

Men's Clothing.
Hart, Schaffner & Marx Suits and Overcoats.
Hart, Schaffner & Marx Full Dress or Tuxedo Suits.

House Coats, Smoking Jackets, Bath Robes.
These things any man is glad to possess; we have a large variety of them.

Neckwear.
Four-in-Hands; String or Batwing Bows; Knit Silk Ties, a big variety from 25 cents up to $2.50.

Suspenders.
A great variety, 25 cents up. Fine ones of Silk, in boxes, 50 cents up.

Hosiery.
All colors, all grades, from fine cottons at 25 cents, up to pure silk at 50 cents up. Pure silk hose and tie to match in individual boxes.

Handkerchiefs.
You don't expect a good linen Handkerchief at less than 25 cents; from that up to pure silk at $1 and more.

Gloves.
All kinds of gloves; for dress, for driving, for work, for warmth; We can supply any need. Dress gloves up to $2.50. Fur lined gloves up to $5.

Men's Jewelry.
Studs, cuff links, pins, sets, links and pins to match, full dress sets. You can get almost anything you want here, from 50 cents up.

Leather Goods.
Small boxes for holding pins and studs, collar and cuff bags, suit cases. You'll find inexpensive nice things among them, as well as the finest possible.

Sweaters, Sweater Coats, Mufflers

Shirts, Night Shirts, Pajamas.

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Many new and beautiful weaves, colors and patterns.

Umbrellas.
Fine ones covered with pure silk, richly mounted, $3.50 up. Other good ones from $1 up.

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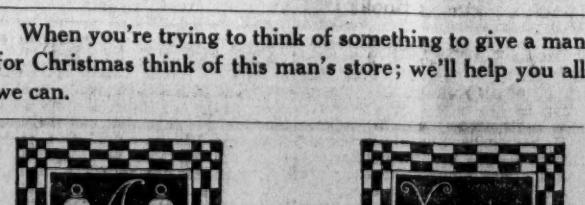
When you're trying to think of something to give a man for Christmas think of this man's store; we'll help you all we can.



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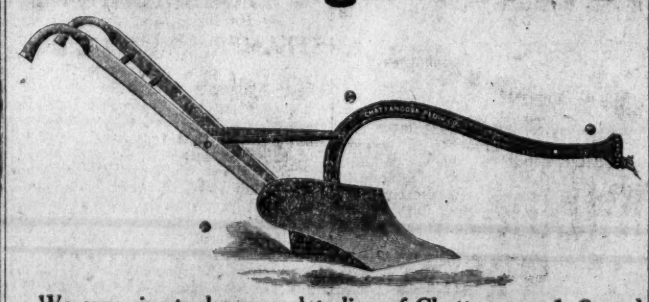

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Dr. J. W. McGehee, health officer, of the city of Reidsville and a reputable physician, makes affidavit to the effect that there has never been a death in Dr. McKanna's Reidsville Sanitarium.

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Reidsville, - - North Carolina.

NOTICE OF SALE OF CITY PROPERTY.

By virtue of an order of the Superior Court of New Hanover County, made in the cause there pending of E. D. Williston and others against W. J. Perry and others, the lands described in the pleadings will again be offered for sale at the west door of the Court House in the City of Wilmington, N. C., on the 8th day of January, 1912, at 12 o'clock M., described as follows:

A lot on Sixth street, in said city, beginning at a point in the eastern line of said street 132 feet from the southern line of Wooster street, running thence southerly parallel with Sixth street 66 feet, thence eastwardly parallel with Wooster street 165 feet, thence northwardly parallel with Sixth street 66 feet, thence parallel with Wooster street westwardly 165 feet to the beginning, being part of lot 3, block 50, according to the plan of said city, said lots fronting on Sixth street, deed July, 9th, 1890, Book 5, page 116; lot on Seventh street, as follows:

Beginning at a point in the eastern line of Seventh street 66 feet from its intersection with the southern line of Wright street, running thence southerly parallel with Seventh street 33 feet, thence eastwardly parallel with Wright street 155 feet to the western line of a lane known as Green's lane, thence northwardly parallel with said lane 33 feet, and thence westwardly parallel with Wright street 155 feet to the beginning, being half of the western half of Lot 2, Block 23.

Terms—One-third cash, balance in two equal installments, with interest from date of sale, and title retained until the full purchase money is paid.

THOMAS H. SUTTON, Commissioner.

This 6th day of Dec., 1911.

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STATEMENT CONDITION.

THE MURCHISON NATIONAL BANK,

of Wilmington, N. C.

at the Close of Business, December 5th, 1911.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts	$3,539,269.70
U. S. Bonds (at par)	551,000.00
Bank Building	25,000.00
Bonds and Other Securities	96,575.00
Cash and Due by Banks	1,573,766.67
	$5,785,611.37

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	$ 500,000.00
Surplus and Net Profits	170,054.29
Circulation	550,000.00
U. S. Bonds Account	100,000.00
Deposits	4,465,557.08
	$5,785,611.37

H. C. McQUEEN, President.
J. V. GRAIN, Vice-President.
J. W. Y[illegible], Vice-President.
C. S. GRAINGER, Cashier.

NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND.

Pursuant to the direction and power contained in the last will and testament of William H. Stone, deceased, late of Brunswick county, North Carolina, the undersigned executors of the said last will and testament will on Monday, the 18th day of December, 1911, at Southport, at the Court House door, in Brunswick county, North Carolina, at 12:30 o'clock P. M., sell, at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidders, all of the real property of the said William H. Stone, situated in Shallotte Township, Brunswick County.

Pursuant to the provisions of said will, the said lands will be divided into four equal parts and each part will be sold separately.

B. F. STONE,
R. R. STONE,
B. O. STONE,
Executors.

Dated this 23rd day of November, 1911.

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APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION

of the Sentence of Death Imposed by Law Upon L. M. Sandlin.

Application will be made to the Governor of North Carolina for commutation to life imprisonment of the sentence of death imposed by law upon L. M. Sandlin by reason of his conviction at the July term of the Superior Court of New Hanover County of the crime of murder.

All persons who oppose the granting of said commutation are invited to forward their protests to the Governor without delay.

This 12th day of December, 1911.

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SUPERIOR COURT JUDGESHIP

Many Candidates as Successor to Judge Ward—Granger and Marlow Must Serve—Supreme Court Cases.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 20.—There are delegations here nearly every day now from one or another section of the First Judicial district in the interest of the several candidates for the Superior Court judgeship to succeed Judge George W. Ward, resigned. There was a delegation here today for Col. W. B. Rodman, of Washington.

It was headed by Capt. G. J. Studard and included J. D. Grimes and R. R. Warren. They brought a lengthy petition endorsing the candidacy of Col. Rodman. Last evening there was a delegation in the interest of Stephen G. Bragaw that included Dr. Plummer Nicholson, R. G. Stewart, S. F. Cowell, K. C. Kuegler, E. A. Daniel, W. K. Jacobson. The contest seems to be sharply drawn between the two Washington candidates, Bragaw and Rodman, with chances believed to be at this time in favor of Bragaw. Others being mentioned for the place include W. M. Bond, Edenton; C. S. Vann, Edenton; A. O. Gaylord, Plymouth; E. F. Aydlett, of Elizabeth City, and L. L. Smith, of Gates county. There is no indication as to when the appointment will be announced by the Governor.

Charters were issued today for five new corporations: The Alford, Ricks Co., Inc., Nashville, capital $10,000 for dealing in live stock, vehicles and farm supplies, by Tempie B. Ricks, Greensboro; W. J. Bachelor, B. G. Alford and others, of Nashville, Nash county. The Ricks, Alford, Bachelor Co., Nashville, capital $50,000, mercantile business, by Tempie B. Ricks, W. J. Bachelor, B. G. Alford, and others. The Picord Buggy Co., of Jackson, capital $50,000 by H. Picord, W. T. Picord and others, and The Wagram Mercantile Co., of Wagram, Scotland county, capital $50,000, by Jno. Blue, M. Monroe and others.

People here deeply interested in the meeting out of justice to the fiends who so brutally murdered Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Dixon in Cleveland county last week, are much gratified that the special term of the court that Governor Kitchin has ordered to provide speedy justice is to be presided over by Judge James L. Webb, a Cleveland county judge. It is declared that the whole State is deeply indebted to the people of the Shelby section in their self-control in saving the State from the stain of another lynching bee when the horrible crime was committed and responsibility so clearly fixed on the three Ross negroes.

Sentences of 30 and 20 years, respectively, for second degree murder, in Columbus county, are affirmed by the Supreme Court in State vs. Grainger and Marlow. Granger was on a spree and shot up the town of Grists, Columbus county, and rounded up his rampage with killing Bud Nobles. Marlow was "the woman in the case."

The court affirms the sentence of $100 fine against J. J. Arlington for representing the order of Owls at Charlotte, unlicensed in this State. The court declares the State Department of Insurance is doing a great work in the protection of the people from unreliable and fraudulent insurance concerns and whatever insurance laws are to be construed that the interpretation of the law should be adopted which is best promotive of that public policy and beneficence of the law.

The Supreme Court delivered 30 opinions this afternoon and will deliver the final batch for the term and adjourn Saturday morning. It is settled that only five cases are to go over to the Spring term, for decision. These are Navigation Company vs. Power Co., involving Power Co., at Roanoke Rapids; Westfelt vs. Adams; Thompson vs. Power Co.; Raeford vs. Phillips, and Hutton vs. Lumber Co.

The list of opinions delivered tonight are the following: State vs. Granger and Marlow, Columbus, no error; Eppley vs. Bryson City, Swain, affirmed; Fisher vs. Fibre Co., Buncombe, no error; Rogers vs. Arlington, Mecklenburg, no error; State vs. Foster, Union, affirmed; Gardner and Clark vs. McConnaughey, Burke, reversed; Hospital Association vs. Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, Sampson, no error; State vs. Coffney, Wilson, reversed; State vs. Davis, Forsythe, no error; State vs. Corpeing, Macon, new trial; Commissioner of Cumberland vs. Commissioner of Harnett, affirmed; J. P. Rutheuv vs. P. S. Henry, Buncombe, new trial; F. Arthur vs. P. S. Henry, Buncombe, no error; Commercial and Farmers' Bank vs. Scotland Neck Bank, Halifax, no error; Michael vs. Moore, Catawba, new trial; in reference to Alderman from Buncombe, affirmed; Eppley vs. Bryson City, affirmed; Patten vs. Lumber Co., Burke, no error; Bateman vs. Hopkins, Tyrrell, no error; Buckner vs. S. & W. Ry. Co., Buncombe, new trial; Hayne vs. North Carolina Electric Co., Madison, new trial; Lance vs. Russell, Buncombe, affirmed; Asheville vs. Staples, Buncombe, reversed; Worley vs. Logging Co., Madison, new trial, restricted to issue of damages; Beard vs. Taylor, Swain, no error; Lumber Co., vs. Moffitt, Macon, no error.

DEATH AT DUNN

Mr. J. W. Lane Passes After Brief Illness—The Funeral

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Durham, N. C., Dec. 20.—Mr. J. W. Lane, who was carried to St. Luke's Hospital at Richmond yesterday for an operation, died at 3:30 o'clock this morning. The remans will reach Dunn this afternoon.

Mr. Lane has been largely identified with the business interests of the town since its very beginning. He came to Dunn about the time the town was incorporated and has been in the livery business practically all the time. He has accumulated a good deal of property, owning some fine farms in Harnett and Sampson counties. Mr. Lane was about 50 years old and his friends were shocked to hear of his sudden illness on Sunday morning, as he was in his usual good health on Saturday. He leaves a wife and two brothers and one sister.

Have you seen Hewlett & Price's Felt Slippers? **

WEEK'S NEWS IN COLUMBUS

Baptist Minister Resigns—Approaching Wedding at Freeman's—New Church—Crop Prospects in County—Other Notes

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Whiteville, N. C., Dec. 20.—Rev. Chas. C. Smith, who has been the pastor of the First Baptist church here for the past four years, has sent in his resignation as pastor, to take effect the first of March. Mr. Smith has been called to Durham. He has made a great number of friends in Whiteville both as a pastor and a man and his resignation is regretted by the entire town.

On Thursday afternoon at the home of the bride's father, Mr. G. W. Applewhite, at Freeman, Miss Addie Applewhite will be married to Mr. S. H. Mullen, of Pennsylvania. The marriage will be a quiet home affair and the ceremony will be performed by Rev. F. T. Wooten. Miss Applewhite is one of the most charming young women of the county and has hundreds of friends here and in Wilmington who will extend to one young bride and the fortunate one who has won her hand congratulations and best wishes.

Miss Corney Caines, a daughter of Rev. W. R. Caines, of Chadbourn, was this week married to Mr. Cale Stone, of Fairmont. The ceremony took place at the home of Mr. W. S. Frink, at Chadbourn. They will make their future home at Fairmont.

We understand that the Presbyterian church of this place has plans arranged to erect a handsome church on the lot on Madison avenue, purchased by Dr. Crowell at the sale of the Burkhead property and which is one of the most desirable sites for a church n our town. We learn that one gentleman who has lately moved to Whiteville has agreed to give $1,000 toward the new building if a like sum is raised by the members and 50c. for each additional dollar raised. This is indeed, a generous offer and will doubtless secure a handsome and modern new church for our town.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Formyduval have returned from Jacksonville, Fla., where they went on the sad mission of attending the funeral of Mr. Lee Howell, a brother of Mrs. Formyduval, who passed away at that place last week. Mr. Howell was born and reared in Whiteville and has many friends here who regret to learn of his death.

The Methodist church of this place will give a Christmas tree at the church on Monday night. At the same time a tree will be given at the Tabernacle in Vineland for the poor of the place.

There is a great deal of cotton yet in the fields in Columbus county and it now looks as if much of it must be ploughed under. Negroes have stopped work for the holidays, and after Christmas farmers will have to begin to prepare for another crop. It is thought that fully 25 per cent. of the cotton grown in this county is still held by farmers, and they say they do not intend to sell until prices advance. In spite of the low price of cotton our people are prosperous and happy, and most of them had money saved up from their tobacco and berry crops. The cotton acreage will be considerably reduced next year and more tobacco and other money crops planted. This year one farmer in Columbus county with a single mule made between 1,200 and 1,500 bushels of corn, besides other crops. A few farmers have saved all of their cotton but there are many fields yet snow white.

About two years ago Mr. Jackson Greer paid $2,500 for a farm on the outskirts of Whiteville.He spent about $1,000 in improvements and recently sold the place for $7,000, doubling his investment in two years besides receiving rental and a good interest on his money.

The sale of holly this year from Columbus county has been a paying business in several parts of the county. At Hallsboro alone nearly a $1,000 has been paid out for holly. It is said that little boys and women make $7 a day filling the crates which are worth 50 cents filled.

Wilmington is a very popular shopping place for people from this section and the trains are crowded each day with shoppers going down for their Christmas shopping.

SOLICITOR VANN RESIGNS

Monroe Official to Relinquish Duties First of Year

Monroe, N. C., Dec. 19.—Mr. J. C. M. Vann, who for the past year has served in the capacity of city solicitor, has resigned to take effect on January 1st, 1912. His successor will be named after this date. No candidates have been announced yet. The position is filled by appointment by the board of county commissioners and the board of aldermen of Monroe. Mr. Vann has proven himself an able prosecutor and it is regretted that he has resigned, but the pressure of other business has necessitated his action.

GEN. AND MRS. CARR BEREAVED

Their Son-in-Law Passed Away in Philadelphia Hospital—Funeral

(Special Star Telegram.)

Durham, N. C., Dec. 20.—Mr. W. P. Patton, son-in-law of General and Mrs. Julian S. Carr and the husband of Miss Lalla H. Ruth, their youngest daughter, died today at 1 o'clock in the University Hospital, Philadelphia The funeral and burial will be on Friday in Curwonsville, Pa., the old home of Mr. Patton.

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If you have an obstinate, deep-seated cough, which refuses to be cured, get a 50-cent bottle of Pinex, mix it with home-made sugar syrup and start taking it. Inside of 24 hours your cough will be gone, or very nearly so. Even whooping-cough is quickly conquered in this way.

A 50-cent bottle of Pinex, when mixed with home-made sugar syrup, gives you a pint—a family supply—of the finest cough remedy that money could buy, at a clear saving of $2. Very easy to prepare—full directions in package.

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DEPARTURES	TO AND FROM	ARRIVALS
No. 90, ! 3:40 A. M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad. No. 91 leaves Norfolk 13:35 P. M. and Richmond 14:10 P. M.)	No. 91, a 1:00 A. M.
No. 51, * 5:45 A. M.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. **Pullman Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and Columbia, open to receive passengers at Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and may be occupied until 7:00 A. M.**	No. 50, *11:40 P. M.
No. 04, ! 5:50 A. M.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate Stations.	No. 65, ! 6:50 P. M.
No. 48, * 8:40 A. M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington. **Pullman Parlor Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York Trains with Pullman Service.**	No. 49, * 6:15 P. M.
No. 53, * 8:45 A. M.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 52, * 8:05 P. M.
No. 55, * 3:15 P. M.	Chadbourn, Conway (!) Florence, Charleston, Savannah, **All Florida Points,** Columbia, Asheville and the West. **Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia.**	No. 54, 1:40 P. M.
No. 62, * 3:25 P. M.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate Stations.	No. 63, *12:50 P. M.
No. 59, ! 6:30 P. M.	Fayetteville, Sanford and Intermediate Stations.	No. 60, !10:15 A. M.
No. 42, * 7:00 P.M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. **Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York trains, with Pullman and Dining Car Service. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.**	No. 41, * 9:45 A. M.
No. 57, ! 7:30 P. M.	Chadbourn, Conway and Intermediate Stations.	No. 58, ! 8:30 A. M.

* Daily. !Daily except Sunday. a Daily except Monday.

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WILMINGTON, N. C.

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IN EFFECT DECEMBER 4, 1911.

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Leave Wilmington for Winter Park	Leave Wilmington for Wrightsville	Leave Wilmington for Wrightsville Beach	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville Beach for Wilmington
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No. 44—12:10 A. M.—From Charlotte and intermediate points.

No. 45 connects at Hamlet with No. 65, for all points North; at Monroe, with No. 53, for Atlanta.

No. 39 connects at Hamlet with No. 41, for Atlanta, Birmingham and Memphis; No. 84, for Washington and New York; No. 32, for Portsmouth, Norfolk, and No. 43, for Columbia, Savannah and Jacksonville.

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Thursday, December 21, 1911.

Everybody who has shopped early for Christmas will have plenty of time to draft New Year's resolutions.

Are we giving Wilmington an industrial and commercial chance with the other progressive cities of this country? If not, why not?

We are bound to feel more or less American sympathy for the American packers since the British army authorities cancelled about $20,000,000 of orders.

Almanac men and astrologers tell us that today and tomorrow are the shortest days in the year. After today we will begin to gain in daylight till the 21st of June, 1912.

The great elements of progress in North Carolina are bound up in her educational, agricultural and industrial development. All three are immedite resources to be realized upon at once while we may wait on the others. Develop these three great factors and North Carolina will keep on going ahead.

An Ohio man has turned himself over to the asylum authorities for safe keeping. A widow claims that he married her, but he says he has no recollection of any such marriage. Most everybody will agree that a man who married when he did not know what he was doing must have been crazy or as full as a goat.

Nobody has yet disputed the fact that it would be ridiculous for Col. Roosevelt to seek the nomination for the Presidency. In fact, it would be still more ridiculous for him to do so, after what the National Republican Committee did at Washington several days ago. By the way, the manner in which the committee acted also makes it ridiculous for Senator LaFollette to maintain even an attitude of receptivity.

There is even a way to abrogate without wounding the dignity and pride of a nation. The main thing is to know how to do it in a way that lessens the shock to National susceptibilities. We could retain many of our personal friends if we learn to remonstrate with a smile instead of a kick. The manner of doing that is known as diplomacy. Abruptness invites a scowl and resentment. Diplomacy will pull the wool over a fellow's eyes so nicely that he will give you a vote of thanks.

The Norfolk Southern has quit flirting with Charlotte. It wants Charlotte and is going to her. The railroad trend towards the Queen City is more logical than it is natural. Keen railroad men are not going to overlook the logic wrapped up in the desirability and necessity of railroads' going where they can get the most business. The railroads are going to such a growing city and important manufacturing centre as Charlotte because Charlotte cannot go to them. Nevertheless, Charlotte is always willing to meet a railroad fellow halfway.

The Congressmen have been in Washington only a few days but many have been there long enough and done enough to get a number of lemons in their Christmas stockings when they return to their enlightened constituents. Who would be a Congressman, anyhow, with the initiative, referendum and recall advocates at home basing new arguments on what a Congressman has been doing? A man might go to Congress with the courage of his convictions but he won't stay more than one term if he sticks to them when the masses begin to exercise the prerogative of sitting on a statesman.

EQUAL CHANCES FOR WOMEN

We don't know how it strikes the unshackled Professor Coon, but we think the educational system of North Carolina can be wonderfully improved by having at least one qualified woman on every school board and by paying capable women teachers the same salaries that are paid to male teachers who are no more capable and probably not as efficient. Grade the pay of teachers in accordance with their ability and do not discriminate as to sex.

The Star wants to lay down the proposition that the State and the counties should not pay for whiskers but for teachers—women and men who have the proper qualifications, necessary adaptibilities and essential tactfullness. We do not hesitate to say we positively cannot stand for the old duffer who recently acknowledged the fine capabilities of women for primary teaching but tried to justify discrimination in salaries on the score of economy. The idea of making women the butt of economy!

It is far from gallant to play the niggard at the expense of the gentler sex. It is not only unjust but it is shameful. Don't let North Carolina and the counties of the Good Old North State, have it said of her and them that they save money by taking it out of the pockets of women. Of course, literally speaking they may not have any pockets, because the conventionalities of style and the narrowness of material may preclude the possibility of a pocket in the 1911 dress, but what we mean in the concrete is to berate, knock and frown down the brand of economy that is practiced at the expense of the splendid women teachers of North Carolina. We spurn any saving that is based upon that utterly unjustifiable economy and custom. What we want is to see the enlightened State of North Carolina be the first commonwealth in the Union to proclaim to the world that it does not narrow the opportunities of women but gives them an equal showing with men—brains for brains, intellect for intellect, acquisition for acquisition, accomplisament for accomplishment, tact for tact, opportunity for opportunity.

Every woman in the land should have equal chances with a man, on the broad principle of humanity and equity. Women are but the refined units of mankind, and the stronger we are the greater is our obligation to be their protectors. Men are not the protectors of the physically weaker sex when they practice economy at the expense of the weak. No man is a "lord of creation" who stalks around thinking he is, after he has paid a woman less for doing any kind of work as well and as satisfactorily as a man can do it.

It should be stated that this deliverance is a freewill offering in behalf of the splendid women of North Carolina, those who first opened their eyes beneath her sunny skies or those who have been requisitioned from other States. We have had no conference with any of the lady teachers and have had no intimation or inspiration from that source. If we had, we could say all this in a prettier and more effective way. This comes of our own volition, because we believe it is timely and because it is woman's due. We owe a duty to the women of North Carolina and it is time to begin to pay up and free our consciences of the sin of discrimination. We went to school to men and women and no fond memory inclines us to the ladies from whom we took precepts and not a few lickings. We have reason to recollect "Miss Rachel" who was a martinet in the school room and had several different kinds of rules, one of which was vigorously applied to the palm of a young hopeful when he displayed insurgent tendencies.

In the hour of calm reflection and under the guidance of the mature prudence garnered from an aggregation or more or less many Summers, we can say Miss Rachel was right. If her pay was doled out to her according to the measure of economy practiced on her sex in 1911, it was an egregious and inexcusable mistake. Miss Rachael was a stickler for deportment and the premier of efficiency and sufficiency in her preceptive and corrective ability. No it isn't memory that drifts back and inspires us to put in a word for "the female of the species." We got our share of whacks but we are satisfied Rudyard Kipling did not get half that was coming to him.

write this to say briefly and bluntly write this to say briefly and bluntly that 1912 should witness men's coming to the mourners' bench under deep conviction that it is time to quit discriminating against capable women. When the merry bells clang out the dawn of 1912, men should sit up and take notice that it should be the death knell of the lingering medievalism that does not offer women opportunities as broad as a man's, a scope that has no handicaps, equal remuneration for equal endeavors, and a world's hope that is not circumscribed by sex.

THE EVANGELS OF KNOWLEDGE.

Greensboro is facing a proposition of economy in reducing the pay of its teachers. The men and women engaged in teaching are the evangels of knowledge. They are carrying enlightenment into the dark corners of North Carolina. They are spreading intelligence throughout the State. They are creating for the State a tremendous asset of intellectuality and during the past quarter of a century North Carolina has realized immensely upon that asset. Witness the progress of North Carolina along all lines—the betterment of rural life, the improvement of home life, the betterment of social conditions, the enlargement of industrial achievements, the increased scope of intelligent farming, and a progress that is general and steady. When we go back to the basis of it all we will find it in North Carolina's forward march in education. We will find it in better equipped teachers, better school houses, better public schools, enlightening high schools, our practical agricultural, mechanical and technological college, our splendid normal colleges, and a broadening and prideful State University.

We hope the people of North Carolina have stopped to consider and weigh the progress of education as the most potential factor in the progressivity and development of the State. We have had a fine opportunity to view the wonderful influence of education in eastern North Carolina, and we have no doubt the same can be said for every quarter of the State. Communities which appeared dark, gloomy and hopeless twenty years ago have been penetrated and the change is like that from night to day. On all sides there are evidences of the effectiveness of the State's educational system, but just as that system has been vastly improved over former ones, it will go on improving. Nothing in which progress can be made is finished, and neither is there a stopping place for the cause of education in this State. There must be no halt anywhere and certainly not in any of the larger cities and more populous communities where the needs of education are greater and expanding day by day. We say this because Greensboro is considering the matter of cutting down the pay of its teachers, or reducing the number of teachers, in spite of the fact that the number of school children is rapidly increasing. On that matter the Greensboro News says in an editorial:

"It is not surprising that the proposal of the city commissioners to chop down the salaries of school teachers has been met, in some quarters especially, with very severe criticism. Such a move to begin with, is directly in opposition to the popular belief that the teaching profession is the poorest paid in comparison to service rendered, and training required to give that service, of any other body of workers. Still the most drastic opponents of this manner of retrenchment impute no motive on the part of the commissioners other than an effort to economize and handle the finances of the city in a business-like manner. They do infer, however, that it is poor business to monkey with a proposition which may mean a lessening of the high standard the Greensboro public schools have attained. * * * That Greensboro wants a business administration and economical government is admitted, but if only at the expense of its public schools can such be accomplished we believe the majority of the voters and taxpayers would prefer to see things go on in the same old way."

Of course, the people of Greensboro know their local conditions better than we do, but, speaking broadly, it is poor economy to reduce the pay of teachers and worse economy to reduce the number of teachers, if there are really not too many. We do not know of a community where there are too many teachers and we have never heard of a community that was paying teachers more than capable and well equipped men and women ought to get.

Greensboro, or any other community, ought to think a long time before it begins to economize on education—before it prunes the pay of experienced teachers and drives them into more remunerative employment. We have always favored good pay for teachers so we could get good teachers. We believe the salaries of teachers should be so attractive as to induce men and women to take up teaching as a profession and not as a makeshift, taken advantage of temporarily to be abandoned quickly for a better opportunity. The pay of teachers ought to be enough to attract a high class of teachers—the higher the better. Small pay will never strengthen the teaching forces in North Carolina. It will reduce the number of efficient teachers, with the logical result of decreased efficiency of the schools. Don't lay economical hands on education. Lop off somewhere else, or levy enough taxes to keep the lamp of knowledge in oil.

The world ought to be getting better, but it is a good idea to keep on increasing the police as fast as the population grows.

The way some Congressmen act when they get to Washington shows that they can't get over the idea that the House of Representatives can carry on its proceedings just like the Legislature of Georgia or the General Assembly of South Carolina.

The men of Waterbury, Conn., have demanded that the street railway company run cars exclusively for men and in which no women shall be permitted to ride, the reason giveing being that women passengers make it a point to stand in the aisles and hold on to men who have seats, meanwhile subjecting the men to the severest criticism. By all means, the street railway should be made to comply with the demand, but open cars without any seats should be used and on the end of each car should be the designation, "Hog Special."

CURRENT COMMENT.

The fact that those counties that have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars in road building keep right on at it is at least an evidence that they think it pays.—Durham Herald.

Twenty-five million dollars is an estimate of the sum to be expended by the various nations for aeroplane equipment in the next three years. It behooves Uncle Sam to look lively along this line.—Chattanooga Times.

The city of Kalamazoo, Mich., has 18 miles of paving, which consists of 11 miles of brick, four of asphalt and three of bitulithic. According to the last United States census Kalamazoo has a population of 39,437. In 1909 its population was 24,404, the percentage of increase being 61.6. The experience of this city shows bitulithic to be the most durable material, with brick the next best. The city does not pay for its paving, but assesses the cost against abutting property.—Charleston News and Courier.

On the subject of executive sessions among municipal bodies, the Spartanburg Herald makes the timely comment that "once upon a time the councilmen of Spartanburg met in closed session, but the practice has long since been discarded. It was wrong and created a bad impression, making the people suspicious where there was no occasion for suspicion." This is hitting the nail on the head. We do not suppose the people of Charlotte would have cause to become suspicious in the event of closed sessions, but the inevitable tendency is in this direction. The affairs of the city ought to be unfolded to the electors, and there ought to be nothing to justify secret meetings. There is no cause for them here, as a matter of fact, except a wrong impression that some things can be accomplished best when the newspaper men are not around.—Charlotte Observer.

That the lawyer that defends his own case has a fool for a client is a trite saying and it may be paraphrased that the journalist who undertakes to make himself the hero of his own story has a wretchedly poor theme. Lincoln Steffens, the magazine writer, went to Los Angeles during the trial of the McNamaras and a little later set up that he brought about the confession of the two culprits. The presiding judge in open court asserted that Mr. Steffens' claim was baseless and Mr. Steffens is without a scintilla of evidence to convince the public that the judge is in error. Mr. Steffens has made investigations of value and has written their results interestingly, but the egregious failure of a sadly mistaken undertaking to "do things" as well as to write things has made him ridiculous, with the probable result that what he says will not in future receive the attention that it will deserve.—Columbia State.

Mr. Clarence Coon, besides being a stalwart Democrat and an all-round fine fellow, is also somewhat of a successful stock raiser. On last Wednesday he hauled fifteen pigs to Bessemer City and sold out in quick order. He raked in about forty-five "bucks" for his trouble. He sells on an average of fifty or sixty pigs each year and realizes a handsome profit thereon. Mr. Coon believes that it pays to raise only the best stock. He bought a Jersey cow recently that represents an outlay of $110. This cow will yield on an average of 1,000 pounds of milk per year, making 5 per cent. butter fat. The ordinary scrub cow will hardly yield half that much milk and the percentage of butter fat is from 3 to 4. Notice the difference? Now it takes just as much or a little more to feed an old scrub and this kind of a cow is simply not in the race with a well-bred Jersey. Mr. Coon says that in the future it is only the best for him.—Lincoln County News.

The Berlin correspondent of the London Daily Mail states positively that American bankers recently loaned $75,000,000 to the German banks; but based their accommodation on the absolute assurance that Germany did not contemplate war. Such a condition as that, if the statement be true, must give the war lord something to ponder over. First it was a threatened difficulty with France which caused the stringency in financial circles throughout the empire; then it was the absolute refusal of European bankers to supply a war chest and finally the American incident. From these scraps might be built a heap of evidence to show that Germany does not occupy the hegemonic position that same years ago appeared to be assured. What is the matter? Is it too much militarism? The Landmark asks the question in fear and trembling lest it bring upon its devoted head the vials of wrath uncorked by a contributor to The Army and Navy Journal.—Norfolk Landmark.

TO PANAMA AND CUBA

Attorney General and French Ambassador and Wives on Pleasure Trip

Washington, Dec. 20.—Attorney General Wickersham and Ambassador Jusserand, of France, accompanied by their wives, left Washington tonight on a trip to Panama and Cuba. The party will be joined at New Orleans Friday by the Netherlands minister and Madame Loudon, who left yesterday. The trip is a holiday outing for the Attorney General and the diplomats and is said to be entirely dissociated from government affairs.

After traversing the entire length of the canal, which Mr. Wickersham and the foreign representatives are anxious to see, in its present advanced stage of completion and before the waters of the Atlantic and Pacific are wedded by the severing of the Western Hemisphere, the party will go to Cuba. They will return to the United States via Key West about January 10th.

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BUSY SESSION YESTERDAY

Number of Road Sentences Administered in the Recorder's Court. Many Cases Had to be Continued—Details.

Although the Recorder's court was in session yesterday from 9:30 in the morning until nearly 2 in the afternoon, and many cases were disposed of, the docket is still in a more or less congested condition from the cases that were continued until today or tomorrow. Several road sentences were administered yesterday, the longest one being for six months.

L. Huggins, a negro with a road record already, was found guilty of the larceny of a length of anchor chain from Mr. R. R. Stone and was sentenced to six months. Mr. Stone testified that he came upon Huggins at his dock directing two negro draymen to load the chain on their drays. Upon being asked who the chain belonged to the negro told Mr. Stone that it belonged to him, whereupon that gentleman called for an officer, who arrested the negro after a race of some blocks.

William Parker, colored, was found guilty of larceny by trick and was sent to the roads for three months. The negro saw a white lady pick up a $5 bill on the streets and walked up aid claimed it as his. She gave it to him at that juncture a white man came up looking for the money which he had lost. The negro refused to give the bill up and his arrest followed.

Sigmun Brown, colored, was sentenced to 30 days on the county farm for vagrancy. Though the negro is a cripple, it was shown that he had been operating a gambling stunt on the country negroes and white men whom he could inveigle into it. Herbert Hankins, a negro youth, was found guilty of vagrancy and was sentenced to 30 days on the county roads to be suspended on condition that he prove to the satisfaction of the court that he is working. He was given 24 hours to prove this.

Thos. Jenkins, colored, a sprightly dressed yellow negro, who, by his own testimony has not worked since last May, and who has lived off the sum of $65, which he had at that time, in Newbern and in this city, and still has $53 of the original capital, according to his testimony, was sentenced to 30 days on the roads. He gave notice of an appeal and his bond was fixed at $50.

Annie Riddle, a young girl from the underworld, was sentenced to 30 days on the county farm for disorderly conduct, the same to be suspended on condition that she enters the rescue home of the Salvation Army at once.

Ruth Allison, another inhabitant of the underworld, was found guilty of assault and battery and was fined $5 and the costs. In a case charging her with violating the prohibition law a nol pros with leave was taken.

Jim Jones and David Jones, both colored, were found guilty of carrying concealed weapons and were fined $25 and costs each. W. Deen and E. D. Harris, white, and Izaiah Donaldson, colored, were found guilty on a charge of gambling. Deen and Harris were fined $10 and costs each and Donaldson was taxed $5 and the costs. Alphonso Robinson, colored, for drunkenness and disorderly conduct, contributed $10 and the costs. A nol pros with leave was taken in the case charging John Owens, colored, with vagrancy. Six drunks, one of them a white woman, contributed the usual [illegible] and went to jail in default thereof.

The case against Mack Godwin, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, who was called and failed to answer, was again continued, the capias not having been served yet. It is now believed to be a fact that Godwin has left the city.

Cases against Willie Green, colored, charged with house-breaking; [illegible], colored, vagrancy, were continued until today and several against Mose Bryant, charging him with larceny and house-breaking, were continued until tomorrow.

Cases against Noah Jones, white, charged with attempted house-breaking; Hattie Simpson, colored, with selling cocaine; Jas. Ward, colored, carrying a concealed weapon, were continued until Saturday. A number of minor cases were also continued.

CLOSE OF FIRST SERIES.

Basketball Games in League of Company C, Boys' Brigade.

The basketball league composed of teams of Company C, of the Boys' Brigade, yesterday played the final games in the first series for the 1911-1912 basketball championship and it proved to be the most successful series ever played at the armory. Each player showed marked improvement in playing ability, and team work was made a feature as against individual playing as in the past. The teams finished the series with Capt. Dickerson's team first; Capt. Fergus' team second; Capt. Beach's team third, and Capt. Bell's team fourth. Another series will be started immediately after the holiday season. At the end of the second series those players who made the best records will be selected to form a team to play outside games with boys of their age in the city. The names of the boys constituting the teams are: Dickerson, Palmgren, Fergus, Bell, Ellis, Costin, Snakenborg, McGowan, McEachern, McCartney, Fales, Weinburg, Futrell, Davis, Berry, Rourk, Register, Monroe, Sanders, Huband, Lord, Montgomery and Hill.

The next games of basketball in the league of Companies A and B, will be played tomorrow night, when the Athletics play the Pirates and the Tigers play the Giants.

Chamber of Commerce Meets.

The Chamber of Commerce will hold a special meeting in the rooms of the organization this afternoon at 4 o'clock for the purpose of considering government appropriations. The matter is one of importance and a large attendance of members is desired.

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ARRANGING FOR BIG EVENT

Mr. R. Fanciulli, Manager for Aviator Brookins, in the City---Well Pleased With Grounds and Talks of Coming Event

Mr. R. Fanchiulli, manager of Mr. Walter Brookins, the well-known aviator, arrived in the city yesterday morning to close negotiations with the Wilmington Driving Association and Mr. Frank Herbst for the aviation meet announced to be held at Highwood Park, just east of the city, New Year's Day. Mr. Franciulli is a guest at The Orton and will remain here through today. He visited the fair grounds in the afternoon and says that the grounds are ideal for an aviation meet—the same comment that was made by Aviator Lincoln Beachy at the meet last Spring.

Mr. Faniculli said that he had not finally closed negotiations for the meet in this city, but he felt reasonably certain that the contract would be made today, everything depending purely upon word from Mr. Brookins, which is expected by telegraph this morning. He is firm in the belief that the meet can be made the greatest event of the kind ever held in this section of the State and will be the means of drawing thousands to High wood Park on New Year's Day.

In speaking of Mr. Brookins Mr. Fanciulli said that he has been close to Wright Bros., the famous aviators who invented the first successful aeroplane, for 10 years before the first flight was made by them, at Kitty Hawk, N. C., and is, therefore, one of the oldest aviators in the country. Brookins is the man who discovered, or invented, the spiral glide, which was first put in operation in May, 1910, and he was also the first aviator to fly a mile high in an aeroplane, which was accomplisned by him on July 9th of last year and for which he was awarded a prize of $6,000. The distance was 6,200 feet high. The best previous record was held by Paulhan, which was made at Los Angeles in the same year. Brookins, he said, is also the first man to make a midnight flight, which he did in the latter part of 1909, beginning at 11 P. M. and ending early the next morning. He had a passenger at that time the late Hoxsey, who was his pupil then. Brookins, he said has trained 14 men altogether, all of whom are flying successfully, including some of the United States aviators.

Mr. Brookins, said Mr. Fanciulli, is at present in New York city and an answer from him regarding the meet here is expected this morning. He has signified that he would be extremely pleased to have the opportunity to show the Wilmington people what can be done in an aeroplane under his manipulation. He will doubtless show how quickly an aeroplane can make a turn in the air, for which he holds the record for having made a complete circle in five seconds at Boston in 1910, when in flying against Grahamme-White, he did a stunt in his aeroplane that nobody thought was possible, making a turn standing his machine perpendicular to the ground while 500 feet above the ground. A photographer who happened to be standing under the machine at the time took a photograph in which the sky could be seen between the two planes.

This will be the first time a Wright machine has ever been seen in Wilmington. The machine is built for passenger-carrying and at the Chicago aviation meet last Summer it carried two passengers besides the aviator, winning a world's record by staying in the air for more than an hour with three people aboard. During the present year the Wright machine has shown itself a marvelous vehicle of the air. Rogers, who has just finished his cross-country flight from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and Atwood in his flight from Boston to Washington, used a Wright machine as well as in the flight from St. Louis to New York via Chicago. The Wright machine, which will be used in the meet here, will be the first headless machine ever to make a flight in this city. The aviator will positively carry a passenger on some of his flights in this city.

In addition to the aeroplane flights the Wilmington Driving Association and Mr. Herbst are arranging for a number of interesting and exciting sporting events, which will include automobile, motorcycle and horse races. This will be the first opportunity given to Wilmingtonians to see an automobile and motorcycle races on a circular track in this city. Negotiations are on for several local expert automobile and motorcycle drivers to enter the contests. Great speed will be developed by these machines and the winner may be challenged to race Mr. Brookins in his aeroplane.

Dr. Morris M. Caldwell, president of the Wilmington Driving Association, and Mr. Herbst were in conference with Mr. Fanciulli for several hours at The Orton yesterday. Principal points of discussion was the the question of giving Wilmington an aviation meet at popular prices, in order to give every one an opportunity to see the most interesting feature of the aeroplane flights—the rising and alighting of the machines, who can only be observed within the enclosure.

The promoters of the meet feel that the event on New Year's Day will be the greatest ever held on a holiday in this section of the State and should attract hundreds from the surrounding section as well as thousands from the city.

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CITY SCHOOLS CLOSE TODAY

North Carolina Day Will be Observed in the Three Schools With Attractive Programmes—Reopen January 2nd.

Much to the delight of the children the city graded schools will close today at 2 o'clock for the Christmas holidays and will not reopen until Tuesday, January 2nd, giving the young people a period of about 10 days in which to celebrate the festival season. Tomorrow is North Carolina Day throughout the State and as the graded schools will not be open then Mr. John J. Blair, the superintendent, has arranged to have the exercises at the different schools today, beginning at 9 o'clock in each school. The programmes for the High School, Union and Hemenway schools were announced yesterday and are as follows:

High School.

"The Old North State", sung by student body.
"What is a State,", poem recited by Mary Grant, P. F. '11.
"I Love My Native State,", poem, recited by P. F. '11 class.
"Carolina, Bright and Fair," song, by Senior Class.
"The Dates on Our State Flag," by Alice Sawyer, Senior class.
"Waddell and the Confederate Cruiser Shenandoah," John Wells, Junior, '11.
"North Carolina's Contribution to the Confederacy," Stuart Warren, Freshman, '11.
Quotation by Freshman '11 class.
Contribution for Arlington Confederate Monument by student body.
"Counties of North Carolina," Prep. Fresh. 111.
"The Song of the Presidents," Prep. Fresh 111.
Three selections from Isaac E. Avery—"Babies", Genevieve Dushan; "Christmas" Rachael Pearsall; "Wasted," Gray Hicks.
"Ho for Carolina" sung by student body.
"Wilmington Before the Revolution" Clarence Sternberger, Fresh 11.
Acrostic Exercises by Fresh. Prep. 1.
"Our Youngest Poet, John Charles McNeil", by Gladys Twining, Fresh 1.
"The Wanderer Back Home", H. J. Stockard," by Mary Hall, Fresh 1.
"Fair Wilmington," composed by Miss Annie Hart, sung by Prep. Fresh. IV.
"Cornelius Harnett," Walker Taylor, Sopt. I.
"Hugh Waddell," Paul Hammond, Soph. I.
"The Old North State," Aycock, read by Eliza Collins, Soph. I.
Monuments and Memorials of New Hanover County, Jeannette Buck, Junior I.
"Toast to North Carolina", Soph II class.
"Tar Heel Song," by student body.

Union School.

Christmas Song by school.
"North Carolina Alphabet," Fourth Grade.
"A Little Town of Bethlehem" Song by School.
"Christmas at North Pole," Laura Howell.
Indian Names, Fifth Grade.
"North Carolina," Guernay O'Berry.
"Marriage of Santa Claus," Margaret Everitt.
"Carolina," Sixth Grade.
"Racing Water," Sixth Grade.
"Save a Little Christmas" Helen Beale.
"Old North State," School.
"The Lost Colony," Josie King.
The Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge, Seventh Grade.
"Toast to the Old North State," School.

Hemenway School.

"America," School.
"Patriotism," Recitation by Seventh Grades.
"Toast to the Old North State," by Fifth Grade.
Recitation, "Master Mea Carolina," Harry Trucker.
"Ho for Carolina," School.
"North Carolina and North Carolinians in History," Francis Craig.
"Dixie," Sung by School.
"The 100 Counties of North Carolina," by Sixth Grade.
"Men of the Cape Fear," Charles Johnson.
Christmas Hymn, Sixth Grade.
Song, "Merry Christmas Bells" by School.
"Counties of North Carolina and the History Involving Them."

The rural schools will not close until tomorrow afternoon. Prof. Washington Catlett, county superintendent of public instruction, said last night that practically all the rural schools will observe North Carolina Day tomorrow, some combining the North Carolina Day exercises with the usual Christmas exercises. There are a few of the schools which may not observe tomorrow as North Carolina Day, but in these schools North Carolina exercises will be held soon after Christmas.

Saturday of this week is the time for the regular monthly meeting of the New Hanover White Teachers' Association, but owing to the fact that it is near Christmas and many of the teachers will be leaving for their respectives homes, Prof. Catlett announces that the meeting has been postponed until the first Saturday in January. At the regular January meeting, which will be held the last Saturday in the month, Prof. J. C. Brogden, of the State Board of Health, in charge of the rural primary department, will be present and make an address. The city teachers will be invited to meet with the rural teachers at that time and it is expected that the meeting will be held in the auditorium of one of the city schools.

In Dire Circumstances.

Mr. D. C. Littleton, an aged white man, who lives at No. 407 Wooster street, is said to be sadly in need of financial assistance and will be deeply grateful to any generous minded person who will aid him. Owing to a severe abscess on his right hand, which does not respond to treatment, he has been incapacitated for the past few weeks and he is now in want. He is 75 years of age.

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BRIDGE CONTRACT AWARDED

Location No. 2 Selected as Site for Bridge on Northeast River Near Castle Haynes—Cost Less Than $40,000.

The Commissioners of New Hanover and Pender counties in joint session at the Court House, in this city yesterday at noon by a vote of six to two selected what is known as Location No. 2, or the Hungry Bluff route, for the bridge to be erected over the Northeast river near Castle Haynes, and awarded the contract for the structure to the Virginia Bridge & Iron Works for $39,448, a cost of only $2,613 more than the lowest bid submitted for the structure at Location No. 1, otherwise known as Blossom's Ferry.

The cost of the bridge is to be borne jointly by New Hanover and Pender counties, apportioned according to the number of polls in each county, and practically amounts to New Hanover paying two-thirds and Pender one-third. New Hanover's share will be about $26,000, and that of Pender about $13,000.

The location selected by the Commissioners will meet with the approval of a majority of the people of the two counties. Proctically all who have investigated the two locations frankly say that Location No. 2 is the choice not only from an engineering standpoint, but from every other, besides it will be of greater benefit to a larger number of people in Pender county, and that is what is wanted by Pender and New Hanover people alike. Chairman Duncan McEachern and Commissioner H. L. Vollers, of the New Hanover Board, cast the only two votes in favor of Blossom's Ferry route.

The meeting convened shortly after 12 o'clock, Chairman McEachern presiding and all members of both boards in attendance as follows: Chairman T. J. Armstrong, W. H. Lewis and J. S. Devane, of the Pender board, and M. W. Divine, John VanB. Metts, J. A. Kerr and H. L. Vollers, also Mr. John Haar, Register of Deeds, who was clerk, and representatives of several of the firms which submitted bids.

Chairman McEachern first called for the report of the bridge committee, composed of Commissioners Divine and Armstrong, who had been given the bids which were opened the first of the month, to check over with the engineer and make recommendations to the board. Mr. Divine said that the committee would submit the report of the engineer, Mr. A. D. O'Brien, as the report of the committee, and this was read by Mr. O'Brien.

After eliminating several bidders because the bids were not in accordance with the specifications, Mr. O'Brien in his report said that the contest narrowed down to three bidders, whose bids were as follows: Virginia Bridge & Iron Works, Location No. 1, Blossom's Ferry, $33,274.50; Location No. 2, Hungry Bluff, $39,448. Roanoke Bridge Co., No. 1, $42,980; No. 2, $50,000. Oswego Bridge Co. No. 1, unit basis, $36,835; lump $42,400; No. 2, unit basis, $43,251 lump, $48,000. Later it was found necessary to eliminate the bid of the Virginia Bridge & Iron works for Location No. 1 on the ground that it had not bid on this item in accordance with the specifications but it was held that this would not affect the bid on Location No. 2 Mr. O'Brien was asked the reason for such difference in the bids of Virginia Bridge & Iron Works and the other two bidders and he said that this was partly accounted for in the difference in tonnage of steel it is proposed to use. While the Virginia Bridge & Iron Works Complied with the specifications with respect to weight of material the other two bidders to be doubly sure on this score increased the weight, thereby running up the cost. The little difference in the bid of the Virginia Bridge & Iron Works in location No. 1 and No. 2, as compared with the wide difference in the bids of the other two between locations No. 1 and 2, was accounted for by the fact that the tonnage governs the prices on the two locations and that as the Virginia Bridge & Iron Works is to use lighter material than proposed by the other two companies, the percentage of increase in the cost to this company will naturally be less than for the companies which proposed heavier material.

When the discussion had narrowed down to the question of accepting the bid of the Virginia Bridge & Iron Works for location No. 2, or the offer of the Oswego Bridge Co., for location No. 1, Mr. Lewis, of the Pender board, moved that location No. 2 be selected and the contract awarded to the Virginia Bridge & Iron Works. Chairman McEachern said that he did not think that the Virginia Bridge & Iron Works should be considered at all, as it did not comply with all the provisions of the specifications, and, calling Mr. Armstrong to the chair, he offered as a substitute for the motion of Mr. Lewis that the boards be bound by the resolution adopted at the first joint meeting to the effect that the bridge be located at the point where it could be built the cheapest. The motion was seconded by Mr. H. L. Vollers. Mr. Lewis said that he offered the resolution referred to but at that time he had not made a personal investigation of the two sites proposed. Since that time he had visited both places and found that at location No. 1, there are 416 yards of embankment to be built up by Pender county, should the bridge be located there, but at location No. 2, there is practically no work to be done by Pender county. After looking over the field he was impressed quite differently from the view he held previously.

Commissioner Divine said that when the matter first came up some time ago he did not favor selection of location No. 2, if it would cost $7,500 more than location No. 1, but since it had been shown that the structure would be built at No. 2 at a cost of only $2,613 more than No. 1, he was in favor of making the additional expenditure. He considered that New Hanover could better afford to make the expenditure for building the road that will be necessary on this side of the river than Pender county could build up the ground on its side. Besides, the 1 1-2 miles of road that will have to be built is not money thrown away. Commissioner Metts concurred with Commissioner Divine. Mr. Divine also pointed out the fact that location No. 2 is the logical place for an engineering and every other standpoint for the bridge.

Mr. Lewis called attention to the fact that a majority of the people in his county desire location No. 2, and that the selection of this site would benefit the greatest number of people who come to this city from Pender county. He thought the travel would be considerably increased with the building of the bridge. Pender county, he said, is soon to build good roads to connect with New Hanover good roads at the bridge.

The vote was then taken on the amendment and was lost by a vote of six to two. The original motion was then adopted, following which the meeting adjourned shortly after 2 o'clock.

The clerk was instructed to officially notify both boards of the action at the joint meeting. The action of the joint meeting will be ratified by the Commissioners at their respective monthly meetings the first Monday in January. Then formal application will be made to the government for permission to build the structure, following which work on the bridge will begin.

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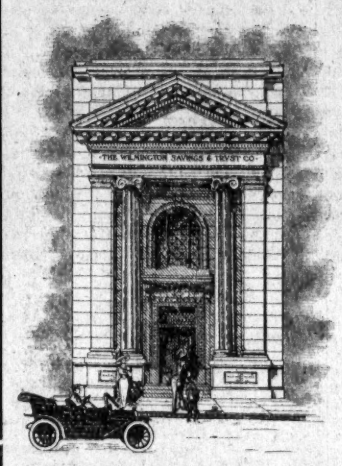

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MR. E. M. USSERY DEAD.

Passed Away Yesterday at James Walker Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Evander M. Ussery died at the James Walker Memorial Hospital yesterday morning, following an illness of typhoid fever of several weeks' duration. A sad feature is the fact that his wife is also very ill of the same disease at the hospital now.

The deceased had been in Wilmington for several years and was one of the cleverest conductors on the Tidewater Power Company's line. Mr. John Sheehan, superintendent of transportation, spoke in the highest terms of the young man yesterday and expressed great regret at his sad death. Mr. Ussury liver at 903 Orange street. He was a member of the Junior Order, United American Mechanics, and came to this city from Albemarle. His father is in the city to accompany the remains to Albemarle early this morning. The funeral services and interment will take place there.

If you purchase at Platt & Haar's while it rains, don't forget your rain checks. They are valuable. **

WITH THE SHIPPING.

Arrivals at the Port Yesterday—No Shipments Made.

The arrivals at the Wilmington port yesterday were one steamer and two schooners.

The British steamer Runswick came in light for a cargo of cotton from Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Minneola, a British schooner, arrived from New York light.

The schooner Eliza A. Scribner, arrived from Barren Island with a cargo of tankage for Virginia Carolina Chemical Co.

The schooner Bayard Hopkins, which arrived Tuesday, reports the schooner Anna M. Hudson safe and anchored off Cape Fear bar. Some fear had been entertained for the schooner.

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LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine, the world wide Cold and Grip remedy removes cause. Call for full name. Look for signature E. W. GROVE. 25c.

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SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Mr. M. Rosenthal, Jr., of Raleigh, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Nathan.

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Miss Leila Woodcock, a student at Meredith College, returned home yesterday to spend the holidays with her parents.

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Mr. Pembroke Jones and party were expected at Airlie last night to spend the Christmas holidays at their beautiful estate there.

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Mr. J. Stevenson Brown leaves this morning for Bennettsville, S. C., where he will join Mrs. Brown to spend the Christmas holidays at her old home there.

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Messrs. Leonard Merriman, Willard Cantwell, Louis Stein and William Lord, students of the University of North Carolina, have arrived to spend the holidays with home folks.

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Mr. S. A. Nathan, a student at the A. & M. College, Raleigh, has arrived to spend the Christmas season with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Nathan.

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Miss Katie Lee Meredith, a student at Meredith College, Raleigh, arrived last evening to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Meredith, No. 307 North Second street.

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Rev. Kenneth McCaskill, of Virginia, formerly pastor of the Black river group of Presbyterian churches, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Robinson, on North Seventh street.

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Invitations have been issued for a birthday party to be given tomorrow evening by Miss Annie S. Kelly and Miss Mattie V. Crank at the home of Mrs. J. J. Kelly, No. 115 North Fourth street.

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Mrs. Chas. Martin Niles has returned to her home at Atlantic City, after a visit to her sister, Mrs. Robt Farmer. Mrs. Farmer's mother, Mrs Doyle, will remain until after the Christmas holidays.

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Mr. W. C. Peterson, Jr., a member of the Senior class of Wake Forest College and second year assistant professor of biology, arrived last evening to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Peterson, on Grace street.

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Miss Elizabeth Lamb, of Fayetteville, a missionary of the Methodist Church in Brazil, arrived last night and is a guest at the home of Rev. N. H. D. Wilson, presiding elder of the Wilmington district. Miss Lamb will address the ladies of Grace church at the church this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

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Yesterday afternoon's Fayetteville Observer has the following that will be read with interest by many Wilmington friends: "Judge Thos. H. Sutton returned last night from Marion, McDowell county, where he has been recuperating for a run-down system. His many friends will be pleased to know that he is looking in fine health."

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APPROACHING MARRIAGE OF INTEREST IN THIS CITY.

A Waycross, Ga., paper of recent date contained the following announcement, which will be of much interest to friends in this city:

"The announcement of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Robbins, of Waycross, Ga., of the approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Mamie, to Mr. Thos. L. Sweat, is of interest to the many friends of both the bride-elect and the prospective groom. The marriage will take place on December 24th, at the home of the bride's parents, No. 10 Lincoln street, Miss Robbins moved here with her parents three years ago from Wilmington, N. C., and has a wide circle of friends who look forward with interest to the wedding. Mr. Sweat is a well known business man and had made his home in Waycross for the past few years. The marriage will be of interest to many friends here and at Wilmington."

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING CAPE FEAR CHAPTER, U. D. C.

Cape Fear Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, held its regular monthly meeting Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the W. L. I. armory, the president, Mrs. Junius Davis, presiding. The matter of electing a recording secretary for the Chapter and a leader for George Davis Children's Chapter, which had been deferred from the November meeting, was entered upon immediately after the routine business had been disposed of, and Mrs. C. D. Bell was elected to the office of recording secretary and Mrs. Cuthbert Martin as leader of the Children's Chapter. Both Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Martin were unanimously elected, and the Chapter congratulates itself upon its good fortune in having such capable members accept these responsible and important offices.

The wreath committee for the ensuing month was named as follows: Mrs. Wm. R. French, Mrs. George Huggins and Miss Mary Post.

The president appointed the following ladies on the committee for the 19th of January celebration, and requests that they meet with her some time early in January to confer about the appointment of others, the date to be selected by her later: Hall, table and chairs, Mrs. Martin Willard and Mrs. Richard Price. Decorating hall and table, Mrs. W. M. Pemberton, Miss Elizabeth Waddell and Mrs. Walter L. Parsley. Decorating opera house, Mrs. F. L. Huggins, Miss Minnie Brown and Mrs. W. B. Cooper. China, Mrs. Lena Avant, Mrs. John Quelch, Mrs. Koonce and Miss Margaret Price. Meats, Mrs. W. L. Beery and Mrs. S. W. Sanders. Oysters, Mrs. J. L. Munds, Mrs. Wm. L. deRosset and Miss Lena Beery. Bread, Mrs. Walker Taylor and Mrs. C. C. Brown. Milk and sugar, Mrs. W. L. Harlowe and Mrs. J. F. Woolvin. Fruit, baskets, etc., Miss Alice Davis, Miss Julia Parsley, Miss Bessie Loder, Miss Augusta Wiggins. Coffee, Mrs. Mitt Moore. Silver, Mrs. J. H. Bunting. Tobacco and pipes, Mrs. Cuthbert Martin and Miss Louise Vollers.

"The Baboon Baby Dance."

Companion song to Alexander. Mr. Morgan will sing it at The Grand Theatre today. **

PERSONAL. PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. T. J. Fletcher, of Clarkton, was in the city yesterday on business.

—Mr. W. L. Hill, of Wilson, was among yesterday's guests at The Orton.

—L. R. Varser, Esq., of the Lumberton bar, spent yesterday in the city on professional business.

—Among yesterday's arrivals at The Orton were B. B. Anderson, Tabor; T. C. Clute, Chadbourn; H. W. Stovall, Fort Caswell, and W. O. Singletary, Lumberton.

—Among the out-of-town Christmas shoppers in the city yesterday were Mr. and Mrs. J. Innes, Bolton; Miss Rosa Lee Jobson, Newberlin; Miss Louise Livingston, Bolton, and Miss Inez Jones, Lake City, Fla.

LOCAL DOTS.

—Yesterday afternoon's Fayetteville Observer says: "Cape Fear river seems to be on a Christmas rise. There was 20 feet of water at the wharves here this morning. The steamer Lyon cleared today for Wilmington, and the steamer City of Fayetteville will arrive here from that port tonight."

—Constable W. B. Savage stated yesterday that Robert Hennegan, the negro he brought back from Goldsboro Tuesday night, has admitted that he entered the pressing club at Front and Wright streets a year ago and stole a number of suits of clothes. He will probably waive examination when the case is brought before Magistrate Harriss for a preliminary hearing.

GIVEN KNOCKOUT DROPS.

Soldier From Fort Caswell Drugged and Robbed—Arrests.

Lawrence Swinson and George Fisher, colored, were arrested yesterday by Mounted Officer A. A. Nelms on a warrant charging them with larceny. The arrest is the outcome of an incident alleged by Robert Farmer, a soldier at the army post at Fort Caswell, who says he was drugged in a drink and subsequently robbed of his money and watch, at the home of Lucy Hicks, on 12th street, between Chesnut and Princess.

Farmer told the police that he went to the woman's house Tuesday night and that he was given a drink, which rendered him absolutely helpless a short time after he had imbibed it. He claims to have known what was going on, but was unable to do anything to protect himself. He stated that he was placed in a hack and that two negroes took him out on the streets and cut a long slit in his trousers' pocket, abstracting about $60 thereform. They then jerked his watch out of his vest pocket, tearing the garment by the force used. The watch was of the Howard make.

The soldier says that he evidently became stupefied after the robbery and remained so for some time. When he came to he notified the police, showing them the slit in his trousers and the torn button hole in his vest. The arrest followed yesterday.

Swinson and Fisher were carried to headquarters, where Swinson gave $100 bond for his appearance, with Geo. Britt as surety. The Hicks woman was later arrested on a warrant charging her with vagrancy.

"THE WILMINGTONIAN."

City Has a New Weekly Publication. Initial Appearance Yesterday.

"The Wilmingtonian," a sprightly little four-page journal, of which Master Thos. R. Whitehead, the 14-year-old son of President Z. W. Whitehead, of the Wilmington, Brunswick & Southern Railroad, is the editor, made its initial bow to the public yesterday, and it does its youthful founder much credit. The announcement at the masthead states that it will be published every Monday by Thos. R. Whitehead, owner and editor, and that the subscription price will be 20 cents a month or $1 a year. It contains a column of news relative to industrial and financial activities in the city and quite a number of miscellaneous articles, as well as a number of attractive advertisements, notable among which is the one occupying the back page, which contains a cut of the new home of the Atlantic Trust & Banking Company, Wilmington's first skyscraper, ground for which has already been broken.

The little sheet is well gotten up, both from a journalistic and a typographical viewpoint, and its young publisher evidently inherits the knack from his father, who is editor of the Southern Lumber Journal and the Carolina Fruit and Truckers' Journal, both published in this city.

No Developments Yesterday.

There were no local developments yesterday in the case of Steven John, the Gypsy leader, who is in jail here awaiting extradition papers to be taken to Pulaski county, Ark., where he is wanted on a charge of perjury, and as so far as could be ascertained here there were none in Raleigh. Requisition papers have been received by Governor Kitchin from the Governor of Arkansas and an officer is on his way from Little Rock to get the prisoner. He will probably arrive today or tomorrow.

Shipped Car of Bees.

Mr. Frank L Huggins yesterday shipped from Wilmington a car of bees to his plantation on the A. & Y. road in Pender county. The bees, which were in their hives, have been on Mr. Huggins' place on the Castle Haynes road for some time, but he desired to transfer them to his Pender county place. The gums filled a box car. The car will arrive at its destination this morning.

Lightning Kills Few.

In 1906 lightning killed only 169 people in this whole country. One's chances of death by lightning are less than two in a million. The chance of death from liver, kidney or stomach troubles is vastly greater, but not if Electric Bitters be used, as Robert Madsen, of West Burlington, Ia., proved. Four doctors gave him up after eight months of suffering from virulent liver trouble and yellow jaundice. He was then completely cured by Electric Bitters. They're the best stomach, liver, nerve and kidney remedy and blood purifier on earth. Only 50c at R. R. Bellamy.

Solid gold cuff links, scarf pins and tie clasp. Lockets and neck chains are some of my leaders. J. T. Burke, the Jeweler, No. 27 South Front street de 3-tf.

POOR SHOPPING WEATHER

Christmas Trade Held Up Because of Rain Yesterday—More Predicted for Today—Three More Days.

Those who have done their Christmas shopping early are probably even more fortunate than they supposed, for there are only three more shopping days remaining and the weather bureau predicts rain for today, one of them. While the Christmas trade yesterday was undoubtedly good, considering the inclemency of the weather, it did not come up to the volume of the business done the preceding day, and Monday, and if the weather does not improve today many will doubtless put their shopping off until tomorrow or Saturday, with the result that the two days on which the biggest business always falls will be made still busier for the merchants and shopkeepers, their clerks and other helpers.

Beginning tomorrow night probably and continuing until late Saturday night young Wilmingtonians will celebrate Christmas with fireworks, as is their custom and the air will be filled with the noise of exploding firecrackers and the illuminations of roman candles, pin wheels, sky rockets, etc. Even as early as last night some few big cannon crackers could be heard.

At the postoffice and express office the rush is on in earnest and packages are being received and shipped from and to loved ones far and near. At both places all arrangements have been made to facilitate the rapid handling of the heavy traffic and everything is working smoothly.

It is to be earnestly hoped that the weather will undergo a change for the better in the near future, not only to give the shoppers a chance to finish their tasks, but also as a matter of sentiment, for Christmas hardly seems like Christmas without cold, clear weather. During the morning hours yesterday it looked as though a snow might fall and youthful hearts beat fast in anticipation of a good old-fashioned, snow-driven, turkey-stuffed Christmas, but if the existing conditions hold good it looks as though they will be disappointed as to the snow.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Number of Deeds Filed for Record at Court House Yesterday

Deeds were filed for record yesterday as follows: J. K. Reynolds and wife to Margaret Smith, for $100, lot No. 24, in Blosk D, Winter Park Gardens, fronting on Peachtree avenue, 50x155 feet in size; B. J. Stone and wife to Lilly H. Orrell, for $100 and other considerations, lot on Orange, 55 feet east of Sixth street, 29x165 feet in size; C. D. Weeks and others, to Frank A. Thompson and wife, for $100 and other considerations, lot on Market, 66 feet east of 13th street, 30x150 feet in size; Rebecca Bell and husband, to J. W. Blanton and wife, for $10 and other considerations, tract in Harnett township, near mouth of Red Hill branch, rontaining about four acres; Stephen Nelson and wife to Asa C. Ormsby and wife, for $243.75, tract in Cape Fear township on east side of Duplin road about four miles from the city, containing two and one-half acres; Wm. B. Carroll to Mrs. Lola B. Alexander, for $350, lot in Winter Park Gardens, on Peachtree avenue, 66x330 feet in size; Jno. E. Taylor and wife to Thos. Boone, for $600, lot on Castle, 33 feet east of 15th street; Chas. C. Loughlin to Carl T. Miller, for $500 and other considerations, lot on Fourth, 132 feet south of Nun street, 33x165 feet in size.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE.

Regular Sunday Cars—Extra Service Also Saturday.

On Monday, Christmas Day, the regular Sunday schedule will be operated on the suburban line. That is, there will be cars to the beach every half hour in the afternoon.

On Saturday extra service will be given on the suburban line. In addition to the regular half hour schedule in the afternoon cars will be operated between Wilmington and Wrightsville every half hour from 8 until 11 P. M. This extra service will be of great benefit to those living along the suburban line wishing to come to town Saturday evening to do their Christmas shopping.

No freight will be handled on the suburban line on Monday.

EASILY DECIDED

This Question Should be Answered by Wilmington People

Which is wiser—to have confidence in the opinions of your fellow-citizens, of people you know, or depend on statements made by utter strangers residing in far-away places? Read the following:

J. F. Hansley, 406 Walnut street, Wilmington, N. C., says: "My back and kidneys troubled me a great deal and I think it was due to my being on my feet so much. I suffered from dull, dragging backaches and I could not stoop without having sharp twinges in my loins. The kidney secretions were too frequent in passage and there was sediment in them. Some time ago I heard about Doan's Kidney Pills, I got a box from Bellamy's Drug Store and in a few days after I began their use, my pains and aches disappeared. I have felt so much better in every way since using Doan's Kidney Pills that I have no hesitation in recommending them." (Statement given February 25th, 1908.)

No Trouble Since

On December 27th, 1910, Mr. Hansley said: "I have had no occasion to use any kidney medicine since I took Doan's Kidney Pills some years ago and I am glad to say that they brought me lasting benefit. You are welcome to continue publishing my former statement."

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FUNERAL OF MRS. YATES

Held Yesterday Morning from the Residence

Sad and impressive funeral services were held yesterday morning at 11 o'clock in honor of the memory of Mrs. Alice Caroline Yates, the beloved wife of Mr. Chas. W. Yates, whose death occurred Monday night at 12 o'clock. The services were held from the residence, No. 110 North Fourth street, and were conducted by Rev. John C. Wooten, pastor of Grace Methodist church, of which Mrs. Yates was a lifelong member. A large number of sorrowing relatives and friends attended the services and accompanied the remains to Oakdale cemetery, where the interment was made. The grave was heaped with beautiful floral designs, sent by sorrowing friends in this city and elsewhere. The honorary pallbearers were: Messrs. H. C. McQueen, D. C. Love, J. A. Springer and Dr. W. S. Storm, while the active were Messrs. H. G. Foard, R. F. Hamme, E. Philjaw, J. Wilder, E. P. Willard and Henry Bauman.

FUNERAL OF MR. SWINSON

Sad Services Held Yesterday Morning From Late Residence

The funeral of Mr. J. H. Swinson, Jr., whose death occurred Tuesday afternoon, was held at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon from the family residence, No. 406 Walnut street, conducted by Rev. Dr. J. H. Foster, pastor of the First Baptist church, and Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. There were present a large concourse of relatives and friends. The interment was in Oakdale cemetery. The pall-bearers were: Messrs. R. C. Banck, S. E. Highsmith, H. E. Boney, D. M. Carroll, C. O. McNair and J. B. Fergus.

Believes Pony Was Stolen

City Attorney Herbert McClammy was considerably wroth yesterday morning when he awoke and found that a pony belonging to his little daughter was missing from his back yard. He was firmly convinced that the animal had been stolen during the night and he immediately took steps to run the guilty party to earth. The pony was found later in the day, but Mr. McClammy is firm in his conviction that it could not have escaped from the yard unaided and he believes that it was stolen and used during the night.

Ends Winter's Troubles.

To many, Winter is a season of trouble. The frost-bitten toes and fingers, chapped hands and lips, chilblains, cold-stores, red and rough skins, prove this. But such troubles fly before Bucklen's Arnica Salve. A trial convinces. Greatest healer of burns, boils, piles, cuts, sores, bruises, eczema and sprains. Only 25c at R. R. Bellamy.

We have the largest line of Xmas Cakes in the city. Fruit Cake, "Home Made." Pound Cake, Citron Cake, Sally White Cake. Call at our Bakery and look for yourself. Farris Bakery, 121 South Front. de 18-6t.

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Funeral of Mrs. Shepard

The funeral of Mrs. Laura T. Shepard, widow of the late Mr. Henry W. Shepard, whose death occurred Tuesday evening at the James Walker Memorial Hospital, will be held at 10 o'clock this morning from the funeral parlors of Mr. James F. Woolvin, on Princess street, and the interment will be made in Oakdale cemetery. The services will be conducted by Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. Mrs. Shepard died of an attack of pneumonia, which she suffered while on a visit to relatives in this city, having lately made her home at Waycross, Ga.

Boys' Banquet Last Night.

A most enjoyable event for the younger members of the Y. M. C. A. was the banquet held in the parlors of the Association building last evening. Considering the inclement weather the attendance was good and the youngsters spent a most enjoyable evening. Following the supper a number of speeches were made on appropriate subjects.

Funeral of Rev. W. A. Jenkins.

The remains of Rev. W. A. Jenkins, of Bailey's, Nash county, whose death occurred at that place Tuesday morning, were brought to this city yesterday on an early train and from here were tenderly borne to Zion Methodist church, Town Creek, Brunswick county, where the funeral service was held at 2:30 o'clock. The services were conducted by Rev. E. C. Sell, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church, this city, assisted by Rev. C. B. Snow. The interment was made in the church yard burying ground. The honorary pallbearers were Messrs. W. R. Evans and M. Bounds, while the active were Messrs. L. Walker, W. S. McKeithan, J. L. Knox, R. F. Ottoway, D. R. Walker, Jr., and R. S. McKeithan.

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Ladies' Boudoir Slippers, all colors $1.00
Ladies' Evening Slippers, a variety of styles . . . $3.50
Ladies' White Buckskin Button Boots . . $4.50 to $5.00
Men's Felt Slippers, black $1.50
Men's Kid Opera Slippers, black and tan. $1.50 and $1.75
Men's Dancing Pumps, patent and gun metal . . $2.50
Puttee Riding Leggins . . . . . $3.50 and $4.00

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Financial and Commercial

COTTON OPENED WITH DECLINE

Caused by Bearish Construction Census Ginning Report—Offerings Readily Taken—Close Fell Off.

New York, Dec. 20.—A bearish construction of the census report showing 13,739,652 bales ginned to December 13th, caused a decline at the opening of the cotton market today, but there was aggressive support from prominent trade interests and the market later firmed up on renewed covering, with the close strong, at a net advance of 7 @11 points.

The opening was steady, at a decline of 2@3 points, and during the first few minutes the market sold about 4 to 6 points net lower in response to easy Liverpool cables and the ginning followers which were considered in bearish circles as confirming the larger estimates of the yield. Offerings were very readily taken on the decline, however, and the market soon steadied on active buying by big trade interests. Shorts seemed uneasy, covering on a scale up, and while fluctuations were somewhat irregular during the middle of the day, the market worked gradually higher, until in the last hour prices showed a net gain of from 7 to 12 points, with all positions except July selling into new high ground for the movement. The close was a point or two off from the best, under realizing.

The census report was quiet generally construed here as indicating that the total ginning for the season might considerably exceed the government's recent estimate of the crop, but the failure of the figures to bring any materially increased pressure against prices, together with the bullish sentiments attributed to some of the large spot interests whose support of the market has been the feature of the past two or three days, seemed to make a considerable impression on sentiment. Reports of a better domestic trade may also have been a factor, but generally speaking, aside from the census report there seemed to be very little in the way of fresh news and business appeared to be largely in the day of evening up for over the holidays.

Receipts today, 72,320, against 66,106 last week, and 52,741 last year. Today's receipts at New Orleans, 6,276, against 13,986 last year, and at Galveston, 16,143, against 11,453 last year, and at Houston, 15,594 against 7,196 last year.

Spot closed quiet, 15 points higher; middling uplands, 9.65; middling gulf, 9.90; sales, 2,100 bales.

Futures closed steady.

Month:	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Dec	9.30	9.40	9.28	9.40
Jan	8.86	8.98	8.82	8.96
Feb	8.81	9.00	9.00	9.02
Mar	8.90	9.12	8.95	9.11
Apr				9.13
May	9.10	9.23	9.05	9.21
June				9.22
July	9.18	9.30	9.15	9.29
Aug	9.17	9.27	9.25	9.29
Sept	9.20	9.30	9.22	9.31
Oct	9.26	9.38	9.25	9.37
Nov	9.27			9.39

THE PORT MOVEMENT.

Galveston—Firm, 9⅝; net receipts, 16,143; gross receipts, 16,143; sales, 550; stock, 480,466.

New Orleans—Steady, 9 3-16; net receipts, 6,276; gross receipts, 6,428; sales, 2,320; stock, 298,534; France, 4,950; coastwise, 1,264.

Mobile—Net receipts, 3,622; gross receipts, 3,622; stock, 97,488; coastwise, 1,624.

Savannah—Quiet, 8⅝; net receipts, 13,267; gross receipts, 13,267; sales, 4,062; stock, 291,265; continent, 15,377; coastwise, 7,076.

Charleston—Steady, 8⅞; net receipts, 1,889; gross receipts, 1,889; stock, 53,207; coastwise, 1,495.

Wilmington—Steady, 8⅝; net receipts, 1,416; gross receipts, 1,416; stock, 25,426.

Norfolk—Steady, 9¼; net receipts, 5,824; gross receipts, 5,824; sales, 3,924; stock, 62,975; constwise, 10,282.

Baltimore—Nominal, 9⅜; stock, 5,067.

New York—Quiet, 9.65; gross receipts, 6,028; sales, 2,100; stock, 133,458; Great Britain, 102; continent, 300; constwise, 2,502.

Boston—Quiet, 9.65; net receipts, 1,036; gross receipts, 5,728; stock, 19,851.

Philadelphia—Quiet, 9.90; stock, 4,650.

Brunswick—Stock, 9,953.

Gulfport—Net receipts, 5,800; gross receipts, 5,800; continent, 5,800.

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Net, 72,320; continent, [illegible]17. [illegible], 321,248; [illegible]107; continent [illegible]

Total since Sept. 1, at all ports—Net, 6,[illegible]; Great Britain, [illegible]71; France, [illegible]; continent, [illegible]; Japan, 144,678; Mexico, 3,225.

INTERIOR MOVEMENT.

Houston—Steady, 9⅜; net receipts, 15,[illegible]; receipts, [illegible]; shipments, 14,772; sales, 2,[illegible]; stock, 18[illegible].

Augusta—Steady, 9⅝; net receipts, 4,653; gross receipts, 5,051; shipments, 2,265; sales, 1,297; stock, 88,544.

Memphis—Firm, 9⅝; net receipts, 2,994; gross receipts, 4,121; shipments, 4,001; sales, 1,900; stock, 201,052.

St. Louis—Quiet, 9⅝; net receipts, 1,531; gross receipts, 3,487; shipments, 2,521; sales, 200; stock, 26,655.

Cincinnati—Net receipts, 689; gross receipts, 689; shipments, 630; stock, 11,915.

Little Rock—Quiet, 9; net receipts, 1,741; gross receipts, 1,741; shipments, 1,144; stock, 43,635.

Louisville—Firm, 9⅝.

Total today—Net receipts, 27,202; gross receipts, 30,683; shipments, 25,233; sales, 5,940; stock, 552,119.

CHICAGO GRAIN.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Assertion that the alleged damage to the Argentine crop had been made too much of, put the wheat market today on the down grade. Closing prices showed a decline of ¼@⅝ to ⅞c. net. Corn finished at ⅝@¾ to ⅞c. advance. Oats, unchanged to a sixteenth up, and hog products varying from 5c. off to a like amount increase in cost.

Wheat—No. 2, red, 96¼@98; No. 3, red, 94@96; No. 2, hard, 98@1.02; No. 3, hard, 94@1.00; No. 1, northern, 1.00@1.00; No. 2, northern, 1.04@1.08; No. 3, northern, 1.02@1.07; No. 2, Spring, 98@1.05; No. 3, Spring, 98@1.04; No. 4, Spring, 95@1.03; velvet chaff, 96@1.05; durum, 95@1.05.

Corn—No. 2, old, 70; No. 3, 61¾@61¾; No. 3, white 61½@62; No. 3, yellow, 61@62⅝; No. 4, 59@60¾; No. 4, white, 59½@60; No. 4, yellow, 59¼@60½.

Oats—No. 2, 46⅜; No. 2, white, 48¼@48½; No. 3, 46¼@46¾; No. 3, white, 47@47¾; No. 4, white, 46@47; standard, 47½@47¾.

Wheat:	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Dec	95⅜	95⅜	94½	95
May	99½	99½	98¾	99¼
July	95¼	95¼	94⅜	94⅝
Corn:				
Dec	63⅝	64	63¼	64
May	64⅜	65⅛	64⅜	65⅛
July	64⅜	65⅛	64⅜	65⅛
Oats:				
Dec	46⅞	46¾	46⅝	46⅜
May	48⅜	48½	48¼	48½
July	45¼	45⅜	45⅛	45⅜
Mess Pork, per bbl.:				
Jan	15.60	15.65	15.60	15.62½
May	16.05	16.10	15.97½	16.07½
Lard, per 100 lbs.:				
Jan	9.20	9.25	9.15	9.17½
May	9.42½	9.47½	9.40	9.45
July	9.55	9.60	9.52½	9.57½
Short Ribs, per 100 lbs.:				
Jan	8.30	8.35	8.30	8.35
May	8.60	8.65	8.60	8.65
July	8.67½	8.70	8.65	8.65

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THE COTTON GINNING REPORT

Comparative Ginning Figures for the Past Four Years as Given Out in the Census Bureau Report.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The Census Bureau's report of cotton ginning for the seventh period of the season, from December 1 to 12, inclusive, issued at 10 A. M., today, shows the number of running bales ginned to the latter date from the great record-breaking cotton crop grown in 1911, with comparative ginning statistics to the corresponding date of last year and the former record years of 1904 and 1908, as follows:

United States, 13,739,652 bales, compared with 10,036,443 bales last year, when 92.5 per cent. of the entire crop was ginned prior to December 13; 11,904,289 bales in 1908, when 91.0 per cent. was ginned, and 11,971,477 bales in 1904, when 89.0 per cent. was ginned.

Round bales included were 93,294, compared with 106,486 bales last year, 140,024 bales in 1909 and 215,059 bales in 1908.

Sea Island cotton bales included were 99,436, compared with 75,228 bales last year, 85,177 bales in 1909, and 80,316 bales in 1908.

Ginning by States, with comparative statistics and the percentage of the entire crop ginned prior to December 13, in previous years, follows:

Alabama—1911, 1,561,134 bales; 1910, 1,128,470 bales; 1908, 1,265,953 bales; 1904, 1,319,711 bales.

Arkansas—1911, 745,667 bales; 1910, 676,239 bales; 1908, 847,312 bales; 1904, 769,388 bales.

Florida—1911, 82,026 bales; 1910, 60,082 bales; 1908, 64,131 bales; 1904, 75,713 bales.

Georgia—1911, 2,505,619 bales; 1910, 1,706,816 bales; 1908, 1,808,963 bales; 1904, 1,790,792 bales.

Louisiana—1911, 340,017 bales; 1910, 233,347 bales; 1908, 435,603 bales; 1904, 872,403 bales.

Mississippi—1911, 997,012 bales; 1910, 1,066,276 bales; 1908, 1,441,947 bales; 1904, 1,415,376 bales.

North Carolina—1911, 912,556 bales; 1910, 664,722 bales; 1908, 615,736 bales; 1904, 650,135 bales.

Oklahoma—1911, 858,822 bales; 1910, 868,561 bales; 1908, 494,984 bales; 1904, 702,980 bales.

South Carolina—1911, 1,423,295 bales; 1910, 1,107,556 bales; 1908, 1,134,183 bales; 1904, 1,085,725 bales.

Tennessee—1911, 360,454 bales; 1910, 269,670 bales; 1908, 302,627 bales; 1904, 271,181 bales.

Texas—1911, 3,880,386 bales; 1910, 2,849,259 bales; 1908, 3,368,874 bales; 1904, 2,953,067 bales.

Other States—1911, 102,664 bales; 1910, 64,485 bales; 1908, 63,956 bales; 1904, 56,006 bales.

The distribution of Sea Island cotton, with comparisons for previous years, was as follows:

Florida—1911, 35,686 bales; 1910, 25,874 bales; 1900, 26,870 bales; 1908, 31,072 bales.

Georgia—1911, 58,948 bales; 1901, 39,725 bales; 1909, 47,564 bales; 1908, 37,952 bales.

South Carolina—1911, 4,802 bales; 1901, 9,649 bales; 1909, 10,743 bales; 1908, 11,292 bales.

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Lovland (Nor.), 1,463 tons, Terjesen, Heide & Co.

Glenmay (Br.), 1,575 tons, Richards, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Schooners.

Eliza A. Scribner, 350 tons, Dodd, C. D. Mafflitt.

Mineola (Br.), 270 tons, Forsythe, C. D. Mafflitt.

Bayard Hopkins, 212 tons, Hopkins, C. D. Mafflitt.

Sylvia C. Hall, 285 tons, Sprague, C. D. Mafflitt.

Edward R. Baird, Jr., 263 tons, Calhoun, C. D. Mafflitt.

John W. Hall, 329 tons, Bennett, J. S. Williams.

Granville R. Bacon, 339 tons, Bennett, C. D. Mafflitt.

White Wings, 624 tons, Coombs, C. D. Mafflitt.

Augustus H. Babcock, 1,229 tons, Quinlin, C. D. Mafflitt.

Herbert May, 321 tons, Black, C. D. Mafflitt.

Stephen G. Loud, 40 tons, Hart, C. D. Mafflitt; in distress.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at Port of Wilmington.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 20.

Atlantic Coast Line—1,115 bales cotton; 4 casks spirits turpentine; 9 barrels rosin; 20 barrels tar; 20 barrels crude turpentine.

Seaboard Air Line—301 bales cotton.

Total—1,416 bales cotton; 4 casks spirits turpentine; 9 barrels rosin; 20 barrels tar; 20 barrels crude turpentine.

Last Year—3,815 bales cotton; 12 casks spirits turpentine; 101 barrels rosin; 100 barrels tar; 21 barrels crude turpentine.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 20.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market steady, 48¾ cents.

ROSIN—Steady, $6.10.

TAR—Firm at $1.80 per barrel.

CRUDE TURPENTINE — Firm, $3.50 per barrel for hard; $4.50 for dip, and $4.50 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine, nothing doing; rosin, nothing doing; tar, firm, $2.60; crude turpentine, firm, at $4.50@$6.00.

Receipts:

Spirits Turpentine	4
Rosin	9
Tar	20
Crude Turpentine	29

Receipts same day last year, 12 casks spirits turpentine; 101 barrels rosin; 100 barrels tar; 21 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Dull, 8¾.

Same day last year, nothing doing.

Receipts, 1,416 bales; same day last year, 3,815 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 16.)

CORN—Firm; .85 to .87½c. per bu.

PEAS—White, $2.50 per bu.

POTATOES—Irish potatoes, new crop, 80c. per bu.; yams, 60c. per bu.

BEEF—On foot, dull, .03@.04 per lb.

PORK—7c. to 9c.

WOOL—Burry, .11@.12c. per lb.; free of burr, 17 to 18 per lb.

HIDES—Green, .08 to .08½ per lb.; dry, 14 to 15c. per lb.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON—Hams, old, 20c. per lb.; sides and shoulders, 14c. per lb.

BEESWAX—Firm; .27 per lb.

TALLOW—Firm; .04½@.05 per lb.

POULTRY — Turkeys, 18c. on foot. Chickens, grown, 40 to 45 per head; chickens, spring, 20@40c. per head. Geese, 65 to 70c. per head.

SHEEP—No sales.

EGGS—Fair demand, 24@25 per doz.

DULL DAY IN WALL STREET

Insistent Demand of German Banks. Bidding Was Keener—Stringency in German Market is Reported.

New York, Dec. 20.—The insistent demand of German banks for "over year" funds was the significant feature of what otherwise was a dull day in Wall street. Large amounts have been loaned to Germany within the last week, but the bidding was still keener today. Seven per cent. was paid for the greater part of this money and offers of ¼@⅝ above this figure were reported. The amount of American credits in Germany is believed to be not less than $120,000,000.

Cable advices were that an acute stringency prevailed in the German money market, as was implied by the urgency of the demand for funds. The present situation was said by international bankers to be the result of over-speculation in Germany, over expansion of credits and the withdrawal of funds by France in the Fall, at the time of the Moroccan scare.

Unusual interest attaches to this situation, not only on account of the pressing nature of Germany's needs, but because of the fact that a large part of the loans contracted here by Berlin interests in the course of Moroccan dispute mature at the end of next month. Unless these loans are extended, Germany's financial resources will be put to a severe tax when they fall due.

In the stock market today business fell off sharply. With no new impetus from any quarter of sufficient force to give the market a decided trend, prices moved in an irregular, aimless way. Some appearance of strength was lent by a two-point advance in Union Pacific. The electric shares, the fertilizers, International Harvester, American Beet Sugar, Central Leather and American Linseed, common nd preferred, scored the best gains. Lehigh Valley, after an early advance, fell back sharply on the announcement that the directors had taken no action in regard to an extra distribution to shareholders. At the close, the list showed irregular changes.

Amalgamated Copper rose in response to the advance in the price of the metal to 44¾ cents, the highest price of nearly three years. Favorable conditions in the steel trade also were reported.

Bonds were unusually active. Quotations were irregular. American Tobacco and related issues were strong, at record prices. Wabash 4s became heavy, after an early advance. Total sales, par value, $6,007,000.

United States bonds were unchanged on call. Total sales for the day, 579,100 shares.

CLOSING STOCK LIST.

Allis-Chalmers, pfd	7½
Amalgamated Copper	66⅜
American Agricultural	62½
American Beet Sugar	57¼
American Can	10⅜
American Car and Foundry	54¼
American Cotton Oil	46¼
American Hide and Leather, pfd	23
American Ice Securities	18½
American Linseed	10½
American Locomotive	36
American Smelting and Refining	73⅝
American Smelting and Ref., pfd	102¼
American Steel Foundries	33
American Sugar Refining	115
American Tel and Tel	139⅝
American Tobacco, pfd	103
American Woolen	25½
Anaconda Mining Co	37⅝
Atchison	106¼
Atchison, pfd	104
Atlantic Coast Line	135¼
Baltimore and Ohio	102½
Bethlehem Steel	30
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	77
Canadian Pacific	240¼
Central Leather	22
Central Leather, pfd	92
Central of New Jersey	315
Chesapeake and Ohio	74¾
Chicago and Alton	24
Chicago Great Western	19⅝
Chicago Great Western, pfd	36½
Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul	110¾
C., C., C. and St. Louis	65
Colorado and Southern	48
Consolidated Gas	138½
Corn Products	10½
Delaware and Hudson	166
Denver and Rio Grande	20½
Denver and Rio Grande, pfd	43½
Distillers' Securities	31
Erie	32¼
Erie, 1st pfd	53⅛
Erie, 2nd pfd	43
General Electric	154¾
Great Northern, pfd	128¼
Great Northern Ore Ctfs	35¾
Illinois Central	141
Interborough-Met	15¼
Interborough-Met., pfd	49
Inter-Harvester	110
Inter Marine, pfd	17⅞
International Paper	9⅝
International Pump	33
Iowa Central	16¼
Kansas City Southern	28
Kansas City Southern, pfd	65¾
Laclede Gas	105
Louisville and Nashville	150¾
Minneapolis and St. Louis	34
Minn., St. P. and Sault Ste Marie	135
Missouri, Kansas and Texas	29¼
Missouri, Kansas and Texas, pfd	64¾
Missouri Pacific	39⅝
National Biscuit	138⅜
National Lead	54⅞
Nat. Rys. of Mexico, 2nd pfd	34⅝
New York Central	105½
New York, Ontario and Western	39¼
Norfolk and Western	108
North American	73¼
Northern Pacific	118½
Pacific Mail	30¾
Pennsylvania	123⅜
People's Gas	103¾
Pittsburg, C. C. and St. Louis	96½
Pittsburg Coal	18
Pressed Steel Car	33
Pullman Palace Car	157¾
Railway Steel Spring	31⅞
Reading	152½
Republic Steel	27⅝
Republic Steel, pfd	84⅞
Rock Island Co.	24¼
Rock Island Co., pfd	45½
St. Louis and San Fran., 2nd pfd	41
St. Louis Southwestern	31
St. Louis Southwestern, pfd	71
Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron	42½
Southern Pacific	112⅜
Southern Railway	29⅝
Southern Railway, pfd	71
Tennessee Copper	37½
Texas and Pacific	21
Toledo, St. Louis and Western	15
Toledo, St. L. and Western, pfd	36
Union Pacific	174¼
Union Pacific, pfd	92¾
United States Realty	68
United States Rubber	48
United States Steel	68½
United States Steel, pfd	111¼
Utah Copper	54⅜
Virginia-Carolina Chemical	55½
Wabash	5⅞
Wabash, pfd	14⅜
Western Maryland	60⅝
Westinghouse Electric	69
Western Union	78⅜
Wheeling and Lake Erie	4

MONEY MARKET.

New York, Dec. 20.—Money on call, steady, at 3¾@4 per cent.; ruling rate, 3¾; closing bid, 3¾; offered at 3¾. Time loans, stronger; sixty days, 4¼ per cent. and ninety days, 4@4¼; six months, 4@4¼.

Prime mercantile paper, 4¼@4¼ per cent.; sterling exchange, steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at 4.83@25 for sixty-day bills, and at 4.86@50 for demand. Commercial bills, 4.82¼. Bar silver, 54½; Mexican dollars, 46.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Dec. 16.

North Carolinas, strong. Virginias, and Spanish, quiet and steady.

North Carolinas—Farmers' stock: Prime hand-picked, $1.25; machine-picked, $1.20.

Spanish—Prime hand-picked, 95c.; machine-picked, 90c.

Virginia—Prime hand-picked, 75c.; machine-picked, 70c.

NEW YORK PRODUCE.

New York, Dec. 20.—Flour was firm, with a fair trade.

Rye Flour—Steady.

Corn Meal—Firm.

Buckwheat Flour—Steady.

Rye—Steady.

Barley—Steady.

Wheat—Spot, irregular. No. 2, red, 97, elevator, export basis, and 98¾ f.o.b. afloat. Options closed ⅝c. net lower. December, 97⅝; May, 1.00⅝.

Corn—Spot, easy. Export, new, 70c., f.o.b. afloat. Options, nominal, December, 74c.

Oats—Spot, easy; standard white, 53½, in elevator; No. 2, 54c.

Pork—Steady.

Beef—Steady.

Lard—Steady.

Tallow—Dull.

Petroleum—Steady.

Wool—Quiet.

Molasses—Steady.

Rice—Steady.

Sugar—Raw, barely steady; refined, steady.

Coffee—Futures closed barely steady, at a net loss of 12@19 points. Spot, quiet; Rio, No. 7, 14¾@14½; Santos, No. 4, 15¾; mild, dull; Cordova, 16½@18½, nominal.

Butter—Firm.

Cheese—Firm.

Eggs—Unsettled.

Potatoes—Domestic, steady and unchanged; European, weak, at 2.25@2.40 per 168 pounds.

Cabbages—Steady, unchanged.

Freights—Unchanged.

Peanuts—Unchanged.

Cotton Seed Oil—Barely steady for near positions, under selling by refiners and poor outside demand, while later months ruled steady on support from local professionals. Spot closed 5 points net lower, and futures 4 lower to 2 higher. Dec., 5.33@5.34; Jan., 5.33@5.35; Feb, 5.35@5.37; Mar., 5.40@5.42; Apr., 5.43@5.46. Prime crude, 4.13@4.20; prime Summer yellow, 5.27@5.35; prime Winter yellow, 5.50@6.05; prime Summer white, 5.40@5.73.

LIVERPOOL COTTON.

Liverpool, Dec. 20.—Spot, in fair demand; prices, 4 points higher. American middling fair, 5.73; good middling, 5.35; middling, 5.09; low middling, 4.93; good ordinary, 4.77; ordinary, 4.57.

The sales of the day were 8,000 bales, of which 1,000 were for speculation and export, and included 6,800 American. Receipts, 53,000 bales, including 44,200 American.

Futures opened quiet and steady and closed very steady: Dec., 4.95½; Dec. and Jan., 4.93½; Jan. and Feb., 4.94; Feb. and Mar., 4.95; Mar. and Apr., 4.96; Apr. and May, 4.98½; May and June, 5.00½; June and July, 5.02½; July and Aug., 5.04½; Aug. and Sept., 5.05; Sept. and Oct., 5.05; Oct. and Nov., 5.05½.

NAVAL STORES MARKET.

Savannah, Dec. 20.—Turpentine, firm, at 48¾@49¼; sales, 572; receipts, 627; shipments, 160; stocks, 42,880.

Rosin—Firm. Sales, 2,511; receipts, 3,095; shipments, 824; stocks, 138,247. Quote: B, 6.75; D and E, 6.75@6.80; F, 6.70@6.82½; G, 6.70@6.85; H, 6.70@6.90; I, 6.80@6.95; K, 7.05; M, 7.20; N, 7.30; W G, 7.50; W W, 7.75.

New York, Dec. 20.—Rosin, steady. Turpentine, quiet.

Charleston, Dec. 20.—Turpentine, firm, at 49¼@50.

Rosin—Firm. Quote: B, 6.60; D, 6.65; E, 6.70; F, G, H, 6.75; I, 6.80; K, 7.10; M, 7.20; N, 7.30; W G, 7.50; W W, 7.75.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Dec. 20.—Fruit of the loom 4-4 bleached cottons have advanced to 7½c., at which price futures shipment orders will not be accepted. Cotton domestics are firmer. Trade is steady, but light. Worsted yarns have advanced 2½c. per pound. Cotton yarns are steady. Jobbers are doing a moderate house trade.

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THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture, Weather Bureau.

December 21, 1911.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M. yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 30 degrees; at 8 P. M., 45 degrees; maximum, 48 degrees; minimum, 34 degrees; mean, 41 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .02 inch; for the month, 1.36 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river, at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M., yesterday, 12.8 feet.

Weather Forecast.

For North Carolina—Rain Thursday, with brisk northeast winds; Friday, generally fair.

Port Calendar—Dec. 21.

Sun rises	7:14 A. M.
Sun sets	5:06 P. M.
Day's length	9 hrs. 52 min.
High Water at Southport	8:55 P. M.
High water at Wilmington	11:55 P. M.

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS.

December 20, 1911.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature: Highest Today	Temperature: Lowest Last Night.	24-Hour Precipitation 8 P. M.
Abilene	clear	48	34	.0
Asheville	raining	38	30	.30
Atlanta	raining	36	34	.54
Augusta	raining	40	36	.74
Birmingham	raining	46	36	1.40
Boston	clear	38	22	.0
Charleston	raining	58	42	1.02
Charlotte	raining	34	30	.44
Chicago	cloudy	38	30	.0
Galveston	cloudy	54	48	.02
Jacksonville	cloudy	78	60	1.86
Memphis	cloudy	52	44	.32
Mobile	cloudy	62	50	2.02
Montgomery	raining	50	42	1.70
New Orleans	clear	70	52	2.08
New York	clear	36	22	.0
Palestine	clear	52	40	.01
Oklahoma	clear	38	36	.42
Pittsburg	cloudy	40	24	.0
Raleigh	raining	44	28	.0
Savannah	raining	54	42	1.90
Shreveport	clear	54	46	
St. Louis	raining	40	32	.24
Washington	pt cldy	38	22	.0

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, McCabe & Co.)

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 9.

Spanish—Quiet, at 80c. per bush.

Virginias—Firm. Jumbo, 4c per lb. Fancy hand-picked, 3½ to 3¾c. per lb.; Extra prime, 3½ to 3⅝c. per lb.; Prime, 3c.; Machine picked, 3 to 3¼c. per lb.

To iron embroidery, the iron should be applied to the wrong side and a thick ironing blanket should be used. In this way the embroidery will stand out well instead of being flattened, and looks its very best.

Exit Champ Clark and his little boomlet. We doubt very much if he could beat Mack Jones for constable now.—Asheville Citizen.

Saved His Wife's Life.

"My wife would have been in her grave today," writes O. H. Brown, of Muscadine, Ala., "if it had not been for Dr. King's New Discovery. She was down in her bed, not able to get up without help. She had a severe bronchial trouble and a dreadful cough. I got her a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery, and she soon began to mend, and was well in a short time." Infallible for coughs and colds, it's the most reliable remedy on earth for desperate lung trouble, hemorrhages, lagrippe, asthma, hay fever, croup and whooping cough. 50c, $1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by R. R. Bellamy.

HOLIDAY PRESENTS

GOOD CUTLERY

is always most acceptable. Boker Pocket Knives in Individual Boxes. Carving Knives and Sets; Ivory, Stag and Bone, in lovely Satin-Lined Cases. Manicure Sets, lovely ones, just a few at regular Cost Prices, to close out.

"RED INJUN" RAZORS.

Razors, 1 pair in Morocco Leather Case, $2.50 to $5.00. Gillette and Durham Duplex Razors, in Fancy Cases.

Bird Scissors. Scissors in Sets, $2.00 and $3.00. "Christy" Bread Knives. Nickle Plated, Hardwood handles, 75c. each. Also

AIR RIFLES—Your Boy Wants One.

Prices: 25c., 75c., $1.00, $1.25, $2.00 each. Hamilton Rifles, $1.50, $1.75 and $2.00. Remington Guns and Rifles. "Peters'" Shells. Hunting Coats, Vests and Leggins.

Our Special Hammerless Double Barreled Gun, at $15.00.

is a winner. As durable and finely finished as any gun at twice the price.

We will be pleased to have you call.

N. Jacobi Hardware Co.

10 and 12 So. Front Street.

CHRISTMAS!

Practical Gifts For Men

To the average man a well balanced selection of Christmas gifts comes as a complete surprise. Fondly his appreciative eye dwells on each other in turn. "What a corking good layout and each the best of its kind."

There lies the secret—give him some practical article that he'll instantly realize as first class. There are rare gift possibilities in the Christmas specials shown below:

Neckwear, in Fancy Boxes; Combination Sets; Mufflers; Silk Handkerchiefs; Linen Initial Handkerchiefs; Kid Gloves, dressed or undressed; Bath Robes in all new designs; Top Shirts, fancy and plain; Hats and Caps for men and children; Boys' Suits; Men's Suits, and Young Men's Suits, the best makes.

Nowhere in the city can be found such varied assortment of useful Christmas Gifts.

J. M. Solky & Co.

Members of the Trade Extension Association.

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Xmas Shopping

Made Easy by trading at

J. W. H. FUCHS

All goods are well displayed, marked in plain figures, and are One Price to All.

SOUVENIRS.

We have a Souvenir for all customers this week in appreciation of their patronage for the past year—Hat Brushes, Tight-Wad Purses, Wall Pocket Calendars, Etc. Christmas Presents of the Substantial Kind—not Toys, but Useful Articles.

Boys' Suits—sizes up to 18—Knickerbocker split-hip trousers in Cashmeres, Serges and Worsteds; all colors; prices from $3.50 to $12.50.

Holeproof Socks and Stockings, in Holiday Boxes—Sox, half doz. $1.50; Stockings, half doz. $2.00.

Men's and Young Men's Suits, single and double breasted, full fashioned trousers, in blacks, blue serges, novelty suitings and worsteds—a strong line, from $10.00 to $25.00.

SPECIAL HOLIDAY PRESENTS.

Silk Stockings, full-fashioned, packed two pair in fancy box. An elegant present. Per box, only $1.00.

Silk Necktie and Silk Sox to match, packed in holiday boxes, nice present for men and boys. Per box, only $1.00.

All Goods Delivered Promptly.

All Mail Orders filled same day received. Orders amounting to more than $10.00, express prepaid.

J. W. H. FUCHS

28-30 SOUTH FRONT STREET.

SOMETHING IN

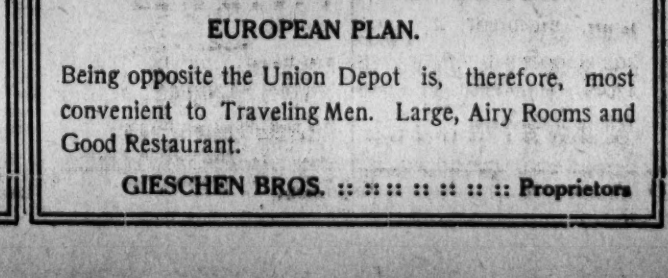
makes a Useful and Appreciative

Xmas Presents

We have a large assortment of Ladies', Children's and Gents' high and low-cut SLIPPERS, OVERGAETS, SLUMBER SLIPPERS, WOOL SOLES and lots of other things.

PETERSON & RULFS

Open till 10 P. M. until Xmas.



Attention, Farmers!

The "Genuine Oliver Chilled Plows"

Ask your Local Dealer for these Celebrated Plows, and if they do not carry them in stock, write us.

Sole Agents for East Carolina.

Wm. E. Springer & Co.

The Early Shopper Has the Choice of Christmas Goods

We have a fine selection of many articles suitable for Christmas gifts, including a great variety of leather goods, brass and metal novelties, fine pictures and illustrated books, all the latest fiction, children's books, Christmas cards and calendars, fine stationery in fancy boxes, fountain pens, Eastman's Kodaks, Globe-Wernicke bookcases, and Victoria talking machines, records, etc.

C. W. Yates & Co.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

ATLANTIC INN

EUROPEAN PLAN.

Being opposite the Union Depot is, therefore, most convenient to Traveling Men. Large, Airy Rooms and Good Restaurant.

GIESCHEN BROS. :: :: :: :: :: :: :: Proprietors

TREATY MEASURE IS DISPOSED OF

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so used might displace in large measure the cheap substitutes now so frequently employed in that industry. The fact that such cheap wools are of such heavy shrinkage that they can not be imported in an unscoured state emphasizes all the more the prohibitive character of the present scoured pound duty.

"That an advalorem rate is open to grave difficulties from the point of view of administration and revenue, in the case of a crude, bulky commodity like wool, produced in many remote regions and finding its way into the markets through so many various channels of trade.

"That furthermore, an ad valorem rate would give a high duty per pound when prices are high; that is, when the consumer most needs relief and the producer is most able to bear competition. With a low price of wool the duty per pound would be low; that is, at the time when the consumer has less need of competing wools and the producer is least able to bear competition.

"The rates of schedule K are based upon the assumption that wools in the grease shrink an average of 66 2-3 per cent. While it is true that considerable quantities of wool do shrink, that amount, the average is well below that figure. Certain very heavy wools grown at the South African Cape and in certain districts of Australia, South America, and the western United States shrink as high as 70 to 75 per cent.

"The cost of manufacturing woolen and worsted yarn and cloth in the United States is much higher than in Europe. The main elements of cost of production are cost of plant, material, and labor. The cost of erecting and equipping both woolen and worsted mills is much higher in this country than in England.

"The material is increased in price by the duty on raw wool. The manufacturer who imports his wool must pay the full amount of the duty. Wools grown in the United States are increased in value by the duty, but not by the full extent of the duty. Wages are much higher in the United States, but wages are in themselves no necessary indication of relative cost of production. Frequently it is found that high wages and low labor cost go together.

"It appears that in this particular industry is one in which the high elements of cost in this country are not in general offset by any particular advantage or by any marked superiority in the efficiency of labor. To a certain extent, European countries have the advantage of us in this latter regard.

"It may be said, then, that, taking the industry as a whole, the American manufacturer practically has no advantage in efficiency of labor and equippment over his foreign competitor. On certain specialities the largest and most efficient American mills are able by skillful organization materially to reduce the difference in cost."

The investigation was begun in 1910 and has been pursued at home and abroad. In the United States expert investigators visited 1,200 wool growers in the nineteen States and 173 counties. Special agents worked in Australia, South America, England and on the European continent. Figures were gathered from mills also.

A large part of the report is devoted to wages, efficiency and employes. A large proportion of machinery used is made abroad. Of the 35,000 employes in the industry in this country 63 per cent. were born in foreign countries and more than 83 per cent. had no previous experience in mechanical industry.

Consideration of Tariff Legislation.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Congress will actively begin consideration of the tariff legislation in the committee of the two Houses immediately after the holiday recess though Democratic leaders of the House, the tariff originating body, say that no measure would be ready to report for some weeks.

Republican Leader Penrose, of the Senate, said the finance committee would begin its work in advance of the House, while Democratic Leader Underwood declared the bill would not be whipped into final shape for report until February. The committee, he said, must decide just what rates should be fixed after thoroughly comparing its own data with the facts submitted by the tariff board in the report which President Taft submitted today to both Houses of Congress.

Senator Penrose announced that he hoped the Republican Senators would be able to formulate a bill to comply with the tariff board's views. Representative Underwood said the President's message really pointed out the necessity of a great reduction in wool rates and that he had no doubt the House would carry out the suggestion made.

"The President in his message," said Mr. Underwood, "favors placing a specific duty on scoured wool as a basis for importation of raw wool instead of placing a duty on raw wool and then increasing the duty on scoured wool. If the committee should adopt a specific rate for raw wool there might be much in the President's argument, but I have no doubt the committee will exact an ad valorem instead of a specific duty.

"The President advocates ad valorem duty on manufactured wool. In the bill passed last year the rates were ad valorem based on import valuations in contra-distinction to the compound specific and ad valorem rates now exacted in the Payne-Aldrich law. The President says the present duties on wool and woolen manufactures in many instances are prohibitive. I have no doubt the Ways and Means Committee will agree with him as to the necessity of a reduction. The message clearly justifies the Democratic members in passing the wool bill last year that the President vetoed."

Representative Dalzell, of Pennsylvania, Republican leader on the Ways and Means Committee, said the message clearly showed why it is necessary to have wool legislation other than that proposed by the Democrats at the last session of Congress.

"I am sure," said Senator Penrose, "that we shall have a better bill than the wool bill which pas passed during the extra session. The finance committee will take up the subject immediately after the holidays, but whether it will be possible to bring the Democratic House to the acceptance of such a bill as we might formulate, I cannot undertake to say."

Senator Martin, of Virginia, Democratic leader of the Senate, said he still favored lower duties on wool, "something like the Underwood bill."

Root and Bailey Debate.

Senator Bailey criticised those Americans who go abroad for education, when the Senate was asked by Senator Root today to pass a bill authorizing the American Academy at Rome to accept a $200,000 villa donated by the late Clara J. Heyland. The bill which was finally passed involved the spending of no public money. Consent of Congress was required because the academy is incorporated in the District of Columbia. It is devoted to the art education of American youths selected by a system of competition.

Senator Root championed education in art and got into a colloquy with Mr. Bailey over the effects of a French residence upon the principles of Thomas Jefferson. Senator Root pointed out that Jefferson had designed the University of Virginia and Monticello from the ideas he had accumulated in France, adopted to the needs of America.

Mr. Bailey said educational facilities in America were good enough for anybody and poked fun at the idea of going abroad to learn. He declared he had nothing but codemnation for those who spend abroad their fortunes made by their ancestors in this country, and referred in rather uncomplimentary terms to "the habit of swapping American fortunes for European titles."

Senator Root defended the bill on the ground that the American academy is a properly constituted American corporation, doing a great educational work.

Work to Amend Pension Bill.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Forces are at work in the Senate to bring about radical amendments in the Sherwood "dollar-a-day" pension bill, which has passed the House. Senators of both parties today expressed disapproval of the dollar-a-day idea.

The Senate Pensions Committee is now compiling statistics to show just what the yearly outlay would be if the Sherwood bill were adopted. First estimates placed it at the sums ranging from $40,000,000 to $75,000,000 a year over the present heavy expenditures. The committeewill report to the Senate a bill carrying much less expenditures of money, which it believes in addition to being generally satisfactory to Civil war veterans, would be one which President Taft would be illing to sign.

READY FOR INVESTIGATION

President Gompers Writes Editorial Which Will Soon Appear

Washington, Dec. 20.—"We have nothing to hide. We are ready at any time for the agents of the law to begin investigation," declares President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, in an editorial on "Labor's Position, Lawful and Progressive," which will appear in the January issue of the American Federationist. Mr. Gompers pledges his full co-operation in any investigation which may be made.

The forthcoming number of the official organ of the Federation will be the first to appear since organized labor's defense of the McNamara brothers collapsed in their confession of the outrages charged against them. Mr. Gompers confines himself to a discussion of the issues raised by the McNamara case, saying of the case itself, that he and his colleagues will stand by the statement which they authorized soon after the confession of the brothers. Continuing his declaration that organized labor is ready for the agents of the law to begin the investigation, Mr. Gompers says:

"Files, records of all kinds, account books—everything in documentary shape is open to them. All that has been printed, or spoken or written to our corresponednts is subject to their inquiries. Every act of every official may be freely looked into. None is going to dodge or runaway. Whatever can be done to aid the law will be done at these offices.

"This is our reply at headquarters of the American Federation of Labor to the clamor to get at 'the men higher up,' to the repeated announcements in the press of 'a nationwide investigation by Federal officials to the assertions that behind the McNamaras were men standing high in the councils of labor."

In conclusion, Mr. Gompers speaks of the "concentrated effort and bitter animosity of the enemies of organized labor "to crush out the spirit of the toilers" and leaves as a parting admonition to his constituents: "Grit your teeth and organize."

INSANELY DRUNKEN MAN

Alleghany County Much Wrought Up Over Homicide

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 20.—The case of John Moxley, who several days ago shot and killed Mitchell Wilson, presumably while "insanely intoxicated" near Sparta, has taken a sensational turn, according to information received here. After the killing Moxley was found asleep by the side of the man he killed; when aroused he "raved and took on," alleging that he knew nothing of his act. He was held only in bond in the sum of $500. Now he has been re-arrested and required to give bond in the sum of $1,000. This action was taken, it is said, as a result of the discovery of additional and withal damaging evidence relative to Moxley's consciousness at the time of the killing. He is said to have remarked in the hearing of others immediately after the killing that he had "killed one d—— man" and "would kill some more if they didn't let him alone." Sentiment is said to be strong against Moxley in that section of Alleghany where the homicide occurred.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

F. T. Mills—Auction.
Dr. Culbreth's Dental Parlors—Boys and Girls.
Sam'l Bear, Sr., & Sons—Xmas Candies of Quality.

Business Locals.

Free Room.
Wanted—Rooms.
Wanted—Good Woman.
Wanted—Four Stout Boys.
Palace Market Co.—See Us.
For Rent—Furnished Rooms.
Chadbourn Lumber Co.—Wood.
Mrs. R. H. McKoy—Potted Plants.
W. A. Corbett—Holly for Christmas.
Southern Auto. College—Unequalled Opportunity.

No More Cold Hands

PERFECTION SMOKELESS OIL HEATER

A woman often does not notice what a cold day it is so long as she is bustling around the house. But when she sits down to her sewing and mending, she soon feels chilly.

It is then she needs a Perfection Smokeless Oil Heater. Its quick, glowing heat warms up a room in next to no time.

That is the beauty of a Perfection Smokeless Oil Heater. It is always ready for use; you can carry it wherever you please; and you light it only when you want it.

The Perfection Oil Heater is smokeless and odorless—a patented automatic device insures that. It is reliable, safe and economical—burns nine hours on one filling. Handsome, too—drums finished either in blue enamel or plain steel, with nickel trimmings.

Dealers everywhere; or write for descriptive circular to any agency of

Standard Oil Company
(Incorporated)

AFTRER "JUDGE" SYKES' SCALP

Warm Fight for Recordership in Durham--Auto Accident

Durham, N. C., Dec. 20.—As the time draws nearer for the election of a recorder for Durham's lesser court, the battle for the men who will succeed Judge Sykes grows warmer. Judge Sykes is a candidate to succeed himself, and he is being opposed by ex-Mayor Paul C. Graham. The recorder is elected by the Board of Aldermen and the Board of County Comcioners acting as a single body, and each has one vote. There are 13 of these in all, and seven makes a majority, and the term of the recorder is only one year. After this year the recorder will be elected by a vote of the people according to an act of the last Legislature. Judge Sykes has held his office for several years, and during that time he has given almost universal satisfaction, he having established himself as a judge who is willing to and tries to give every one a fair trial. Mr. Graham was formerly mayor of the city, and the people still remember the excellent manner in which he administered the affairs of the municipality. The election will be held January 1st, at which time a clerk to the Recorder's court will be elected also. Mr. R. A. Harris, the present incumbent is a candidate to succeed himself with practically no opposition.

Mr. O. H. Rogers, a young man of the eastern part of the city, was run over and had his leg broken in several places last night by an automobile being driven by Mr. W. C. Lyon. Mr. Rogers stepped out of his car just as Mr. Lyon drove up, and though the latter was driving at a very slow rate, he was unable, it seems, to stop the machine in time to avoid the accident. There was a snap, the bone was broken in two or three places, and protruded through the flesh. The young man was removed to the Watts Hospital where he was given all the attention possible. He is a very young man, and it is thought that there will be no permanent injuries as he will probably outgrow them.

SPEAKS OF ABROGATION.

Russian Leader Says Treaty Was Old-Fashioned and Out of Date.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 20.—M. Timiriazeff, former minister of commerce in the Witte cabinet, who has taken a leading part in developing Anglo-Russian commercial relations, in an interview today, declared that the treaty of 1832 is old fashioned and primitive, the principle of the most favored nation being obscurely formulated therein. If the Jewish question served as the reason for the abrogation of the treaty, the United States will scarcely gain its point in a new treaty.

"We cannot change our internal legislation," says M. Timiriazeff, "to please the United States."

In the former minister's opinion, the matter will not come to a tariff war. "Under the circumstances," continues Timiriazeff, "the American government's step is not clear and scarcely prudent. Bad economic relations may help to disturb good political relation. The traditional friendship between Russia and the United States is now at stake needlessly."

Apart from the lack of interest and the unconcern which characterize the present Russian attitude, it must be said that real appreciation and admiration have been expressed in official circles for the decisive manner in which President Taft disposed of the matter which might have led to undesirable complications. It is admitted that in addition to maintaining the best traditions of tactful diplomacy President Taft has done a service for the cause of Russo-American relations.

FINANCIAL REFORM PLAN.

Outlines as to How Districts Would be Divided.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The National Monetary Commission today defined the general outlines of the 15 districts into which the United States would be divided under the Aldrich plan of financial reform. In the sectional arrangements of districts, it is declared special consideration was given to the interests of the small banks in order to gratify the popular demand against any possibility of the big influential banks getting control of the proposed National reserve association those of whose 45 directors would be elected by the districts.

Under the division agreed upon, New England would constitute one district, the Eastern States two, the South four, the Middle West four and the Pacific coast States four. One-fifth of the banking power of the nation is concentrated in New York, but, it is pointed out, all the Eastern States will form only two districts. This is regarded as advantageous to the smaller banks and out of proportion to the invested capital of the East.

BUSINESS LOCALS

ROOM FREE—A young lady or middle-aged woman may secure a room absolutely free of charge in a nice house in one of the best residence sections of the city, the only consideration being to act as company for lady who is alone nights. References required. Address "M. C." care Star. de21-1t

UNEQUALLED OPPORTUNITIES to learn the automobile business and get positions afterward are offered by the Southern Automobile College, Oak Ridge, N. C. Write for particulars today. de21-12t*

WOOD—OAK, MAPLE AND DRY PINE—not cut. Green pine in stove lengths. Our prices do not change with the weather. Chadbourn Lumber Co., 'Phone 677. de21-1t

POTTED PLANTS for Christmas. Palms, ferns, araucarias and other plants for sale at Greenhouse Thursday and Friday of this week. Some handsome specimens. Prices greatly reduced. Terms, cash. Mrs. R. H. McKoy, 510 South Third street; 'phone 1249. de21-2t*

FOR RENT—Three furnished rooms for light housekeeping; all improvements. J. W. Batson, 514 Ann street. de21-1t

LOST—Small bull pup, only few months old; white, with light brown spot over one eye; ears and tail have not been clipped. Suitable reward. If returned to 1811 Market street. 'Phone 412. de21-1t

SEE US for your Xmas turkeys, chickens, geese, pork, beef, veal, fancy lamb and, in fact, everything good to eat. Our line this week is the very best to be found. 100 dressed geese for Friday and Saturday. Palace Market Co., 'Phone 72. de21-tf

WANTED AT ONCE—Good woman in family. Good wages to industrious person. J. W. Batson, 514 Ann street. de21-1t

WANTED AT ONCE—Four good, stout boys, white or colored. Apply soon. Palace Market. de21-1t

HOLLY for Christmas; well berried, large box for $1.50. Send orders at once to W. A. Corbett, Hallsboro, N. C. de21-1t*

FOR SALE — The Commercial Cafe.—Handsomest bar in city; location of the best; doing a large and profitable business; sold on account of the owner engaging in other lines. For terms and price, address P. O. Box 28, Petersburg, Va. de20-3t*

WANTED—By an import china house, energetic man to handle line on commission basis. Good opportunity for party wanting side line. Goods sold by illustrations. Have also an opening on salary basis for capable man with established trade. Address with references, J. R. Co., 32 S. Howard st., Baltimore, Md. de20-3t*

WANTED—Small black and tan or fox terrier puppy. "T. G.," care Star. de20-1t*

FLORIDA ORANGES—Florida oranges. We have to arrive tomorrow three hundred boxes of extra sweet oranges. As no fruit vessel will be here this season let us have your orders early. All orders for oranges will be cash on delivery for them. Winstead Produce Co., 229 North Water street. Telephone 203. de19-6t

WE HAVE THE LARGEST line of fireworks in the city, wholesale and retail. Mail us your orders. Farris' Bakery, 121 South Front street. de19-6t

XMAS GOOD THINGS—Call on us for your Xmas meats, fruits, vegetables, turkeys, chickens, geese, all-pork sausage and liver pudding. Oysters fresh every day; fresh supply of fancy celery and lettuce; extra fine oranges and apples. Palace Market Co., 'Phone 72. de19-tf

BEAUTIFUL AND HANDSOME variety of blooming plants for Xmas gifts; also pretty ferns of all descriptions; the most beautiful line in the city, at Will Rehder's. de19-3t

A LADY'S PRIDE and delight—a nice umbrella. I have them from $5.00 to $25.00. J. T. Burke, The Jeweler. no29-tf

PRICES AND QUALITY guaranteed. If you want something good, call to see me. J. T. Burke, 27 South Front street. no29-tf

SECOND HAND square piano for sale. In good order. Cheap to cash purchaser. Address "Piano," care Star Office. se15-tf

WANTED—January 1st, competent lady to take charge of Dry Goods department of uptown store. One who understands typewriter and shorthand preferred; reference. "Dry Goods," care Star. de16-12t

I HAVE a few thousand nice strawberry plants for sale on Westbrook and Wright farm, near 17th and Market. G. W. Westbrook, Telephone 899-3. de17-5t*

1000 ACRES timbered land for sale, also general store and turpentine business. Made 425 casks spirits of turpentine season 1911. Other business to attend to reason for selling. Terms, cash. For particulars, write "A." R. F.-D., Tomahawk, N. C. de13-8t*

THE GILBERT — Remodeled; newly furnished; all hotel conveniences. Front and Princess streets, junction of trolley lines; cars to beach and depot; steam heat; electric lights and hot water. Excellent cuisine and good service. Rates, $1.50 a day. Liberal discount to couples and people who stay longer. no4-tf

BARGAINS in trunks, hand bags and suit cases. Uncle Charles, 15 South Front street. de7-tf

HUSBANDS, Sweethearts and Wives—Save money on your Xmas gifts. Diamonds, Watches and High Grade Jewelry, at Uncle Charles', 16 South Front street. de7-tf

FOR SALE—We have several nice lots on the shell road near Winter Park across the road from the race track, 70x210. These lots are well drained. Price and terms right. See us or 'phone us, 771. Hanover Realty Company, Sole Agents, 207 North Front street. de0-tf

WANTED TO BUY several rafts of timber, long leaf pine or rosemary. Address Northrop Lumber and Export Co., Wilmington, N. C. de19-4t

FOR SALE—The finest saddle horse in the city. Apply to Morris Bear & Bros. no30-th,su-tf

WAKE UP! Spread out! Advertise! Multigraph imitation typewritten circulars; cheap as printing; better results. All classes typewriting and notary work. Harriss Typewriting and Advertising Co., 114 Princess street; 'phone 708. de1-tu,su,th-tf

NOTICE—If you want to make your wife or husband smile Xmas morning, stop by D. L. T. Capps Plumbing Co.'s, No. 130 Market street, and buy a present that will please any wife or husband. D. L. T. Capps Plumbing Co., J. B. Griffith, Mgr. de15-tf

FOR SALE—Shetland Pony and governess cart; the best and prettiest rig in town. For further information, 'phone 1681. de 15-6t.

UNREDEEMED SHOT GUNS, also a high grade line bought at bankrupt stock, Ithaca, Fox, Remington, Marlin and other makes. Save money and see Uncle Charles, 16 South Front street. de7-tf

FOR SALE—Four black Minorca cockerels, nine months old; two Plymouth Rock cocks, 18 months old; two white Orpington cockerels (Cook's strain), 11 months old. All thoroughbred stock. Price, $2.00 each. Winter Park Poultry Yards, Wilmington, N. C. de17-6t*

FOR SALE—5 6-room houses corner 2nd and Queen streets. This property must be sold right away. We have a nice pieece of property on North Front street; will make plenty of money; call at our office, 207 North Front street, and let us tell you about it. If you have any property for sale, see us. We have several parties that want to buy city property. We also have a customer that wants to buy a nice home on some good street. Must be in a nice neighborhood. Hanover Realty Company, 207 North Front street. de8-tf

ASK YOUR GROCER to send you a bottle of Polite's Pepper Sauce. The sauce of purity and quality. de5-1mo

AUCTION!

THE STOCK IS HERE. DON'T FOR GET THE BIG SALE FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, AT 1 O'CLOCK P. M.

Mills' Stables
F. T. MILLS.
de21-1t

BOYS AND GIRLS

should have their teeth carefully attended to while they are yet in their early years. The sooner any decay or weakness of the teeth is seen to, the better will it be for boy or girl. The latter particularly will feel the lack of good teeth as she grows up, because they always count for beauty in young ladies. See us about your dental matters and you will get the best work at the least cost.

Crown and Bridge Work a specialty.

DR. CULBRETH'S Dental Parlors
Front and Princess Sts.

Notice

THE OFFICE OF THE TIDE-WATER POWER CO., 219-221 PRINCESS STREET, WILL BE KEPT OPEN EVERY NIGHT THIS WEEK UNTIL 10:00 P. M.

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Xmas Candies of Quality

Bell Cort, 5 cent Sellers.
Vanilla Chocolate Bars, 5 cents sellers.
Milk Chocolates Bars, 5 cents sellers.
Penny Chocolates, boxes all kinds.
Coca, 5 pounds and 10 pounds Tins
—For Sale By—

Samuel Bear, Sr., & Sons
WHOLESALE GROCERS
18 Market Street

Listen, Friends:

An old proverb reads: "The Road to Hell is Paved With Good Intentions." If you happen to be passing along that way at any time, please note that many a block is stamped: "I will start a SAVINGS ACCOUNT next year."

American National Bank
Wilmington, N. C.
4% PAID IN SAVINGS DEPARTMENT.

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When selecting your Xmas Gift, remember that a Bank Book, with a small amount therein, is a suitable and substantial gift for your boy or girl.

The Habit of Saving is Worth More than the money, to a Child.

The Atlantic Trust & Banking Co.
Southern Building. Opposite Post Office.

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Christmas Gifts!

If you are looking for something Real Nice for your Husband, Brother or Beau, just drop in our store and you will find it.

Neckwear ..... from 25c. to $1.50
Gloves ..... from 25c. to $2.50
Suspenders ..... from 25c. to $1.00
Sox ..... from 25c. to 50c
Pajamas ..... from 75c. to $2.50
Bath Robes ..... from $4.50 to $6.00
Handkerchiefs ..... from 10c. to $1.00
Night Shirts ..... from 75c to $1.50
Shirts ..... from 50c. to $2.00

Underwear, Hats, and Everything That's Suitable for a Present.

J. W. FLEET COMPANY
STORE OPEN UNTIL 9 O'CLOCK.
Arrow Collars and Holeproof Sox.

Atlantic Paint & Varnish Works
PAINTS, VARNISHES, LEADS, OILS, WINDOW GLASS, GLAZING, PLATE, GLASS, &C., &C.
21 MARKET ST.
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Crushed Wheat Flour

80 Bbls. Crushed Wheat Flour
20 Half Bbls. Crushed Wheat Flour
30 Bbls. 48-pound Sacks Crushed Wheat Flour
60 Bbls. 24-pound Sacks Crushed Wheat Flour
50 Bbls. 12-pound Sacks Crushed Wheat Flour
89 Bbls. Bunker Hill Flour
76 Bbls. 48-pound Sacks B. H Flour
80 Bbls. 24-pound Sacks B. H. Flour
92 Bbls. 12-pound Sacks B. H. Flour

Our Crushed Wheat Flour is made by a new process and is the only discriminating Flour in Wilmington today. Buy a barrel from your dealer and be convinced.

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IMPORTERS & JOBBERS

Holiday Goods

100 Boxes Raisins.
100 Crates Oranges.
75 Barrels Apples.
100 Sacks Cocoanuts.
100 Small Cheese.
100 10-pound Tubs Butter.
75 25-pound Boxes Mixed Nuts.
50 Buckets Peach Preserves.
75 Pails Mixed Candy.
50 Boxes Broken Candy.
100 Boxes Stick Candy.
200 Sacks Head Rice.
400 Sacks Broken Rice.
100 Barrels Patent Flour in Wood.
200 Barrels Patent Flour, 1-8 and 1-16 sacks.
100 Barrels Patent Flour, 1-2 Barrels, wood.

Also full line of Cakes, Canned Goods, Snuff, Tobacco, Etc., all of which are on sale at a bargain.

J. W. BROOKS
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